

Police now believe: Convicts hiding with brother

By YORAM BAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ATVIV. — Police now believe the six remaining escapees from Ramle Prison are in a hideout near the brother of one of the escapees — another escapee who was released last week.

Police sources identified the man they think prepared the hideout as Yosef Danino — whose brother, Moshe Danino, was a one-time inmate, and later a rival of Uri Avnery. The man who police think hid the escapees.

Yosef Danino, known as a very violent and dangerous criminal, was arrested in 1972 for killing a girl and sentenced to eight years imprisonment. He was released on parole in 1976.

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Tat-Nitzav Caspi

firmly that police are acting on the theory that the six yet-unknown escapees are hiding with Yosef Danino, told The Jerusalem Post that Yosef Danino was held pending the end of his trial in Ramle prison before his escape from the Tel Aviv courthouse.

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said he had not heard that Yosef Danino, who was apparently held in a separate part of the jail, had managed to escape.

Police are sure that Yosef Danino knew that Moshe was planning to take part in the mass escape. His brother, Moshe Danino and the rest of the group waited a week, "and when they were sure of Yosef's successful escape, they carried out their plans," the source said.

The head of the special team formed to lead the search for the escaped prisoners, Tat-Nitzav Yehoshua Caspi, told The Post that he believes the police are moving towards the capture of the six remaining escapees. "We are looking for Yosef Danino as well, so it comes to seven escaped convicts altogether."

Ever since police announced a reward of IL200,000 for information leading to the arrest of each escapee, hundreds of phone calls have flooded police search headquarters in Jerusalem. Though none of the calls have borne any results, Tat-Nitzav Caspi asked the public to continue calling the police if they have any information which might help catch the convicts.

Begin wins gov't reshuffle approval

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Menachem Begin won cabinet approval for his latest reshuffle yesterday, by a vote of 12 to three with one abstention. Today he will seek Knesset approval.

The reshuffle, which affects four ministries, two each from the Likud and the Labor Party, is aimed at mollifying the disgruntled members of the Religious Party ministers, who have been complaining loudly about the Democratic Movement and its strength. The three NRP ministers voted against the new line.

The sole abstainer, Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, made it plain that he wanted the DM's representation reduced on political grounds.

The reshuffle moved Gideon Patt from Industry, Commerce and Tourism to the new post of Minister of the Environment, and David Yosef, who had been in charge of the Ministry of the Environment, to the Ministry of the Environment.

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He acts as the cabinet's liaison with the Knesset coalition.

Levy will continue to hold Absorption as well as Housing for a short period. A joint coordinating committee of the cabinet and the Jewish Agency will meet on January 22 to discuss the elimination of the Absorption Ministry, in line with recommendations of the Horev Committee report, which called for the creation of a single immigration and absorption authority. The session will also discuss allocation of the various functions relating to immigration and absorption now discharged by the ministry and the agency.

Likud maverick Geula Cohen cabled Begin yesterday demanding that the government hold a special session to discuss the abolition of the Absorption Ministry and the future role of the Knesset Absorption Committee.

NRP leader Interior Minister Yosef Burg said at the cabinet session that his faction would abstain in the Knesset today, when the reshuffle was presented for a vote, because the NRP did not want to jeopardize the government's majority. Many NRP members want the faction to vote against the government on the grounds that the reshuffle leaves the NRP under-represented and the DM over-represented. But the risks of toppling the coalition is too great. The NRP and the DM each has three ministers, but the NRP has 12 MKs and the DM only seven.

Premier Begin told his colleagues that he did not want to punish the DM by cutting its cabinet representation after it had gone through the trauma of a party split and held loyal to coalition ideals and government aims. Penalizing a political movement which had placed the national interest above its own unity, Begin said, was just "not done."

But another unspoken reason for Begin's desire to keep the DM's cabinet representation at three is undoubtedly his wish to maintain three sure votes in favour of his peace moves.

This fact could be read into the reasons given for abstention by Sharon, who said he could not vote for the reshuffle because it did not correct the political imbalance in representation and did not give the National Religious Party its due share.

Sharon said it was vital for political points of view to be reflected accurately and according to their real weight in the cabinet at a time when crucial votes were about to be taken on issues affecting settlement and peace.

Sharon expects to find himself on the same side of the fence as the NRP in these votes, in opposition to the DM.

Sharon said there was nothing personal in his remark that the DM role was inflated. "I respect Yadin; I have a high opinion of Amir; and I like Katz," Sharon said with a grin, according to one of those present.

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, who rejected the NRP complaints for the same political reasons as Begin, struck a fresh note with an astute reference to his parliamentary faction of one. The NRP grips that the DM's faction had been nearly halved, Dayan said, could be stretched ad absurdum. He offered, with a measure of false modesty, to willingly relinquish his portfolio if the cabinet felt that numerical parliamentary representation should be the criterion for cabinet seats.

Dayan was elected to Knesset on the Labour list, then crossed the floor alone, at Begin's invitation, to become foreign minister.

Nahal outposts for Jordan Valley, Gaza Strip

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Three new Nahal outposts will be blazed in the Jordan Valley and Gaza Strip shortly and an existing West Bank outpost will become a civilian kibbutz, Jerusalem Post learnt yesterday.

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become a civilian settlement inhabited by a Gush Emunim group of diamond workers. Slat e-Dhar, now called Ma'aleh Nahal, is still a ma'abar.

The Nahal will tomorrow turn over Almog at the northern tip of the Dead Sea to settlers of the Labour-affiliated Ihud Hakvutot Vehakibbutzim.

Moshe Harif, the Ihud's secretary, told The Post that plans to turn Almog into a kibbutz had been approved by the previous Labour-led Government and endorsed by the present Likud-led administration a year and a half ago.

Settlers complained yesterday that since the Camp David accords were signed there has been a drastic decline in the number of people willing to go to the Jordan Valley.

Galia Kaspi of Phasael told the Labour Party's executive which visited her moshav yesterday: "We've got tractors. We have homes. But all the tractors and ready-made homes won't help us if no families come."

Sixteen candidates had been invited for interviews with the absorption committee before the Camp David accords were signed, she added. But the interviews were arranged after the agreement was reached

and only three turned up. Families with children don't want to come, she said. Those willing to go calculate that they will be compensated if their settlement is evacuated in two or three years, she said.

Uri Yaffe, chairman of the Beit Shean regional council, which is responsible for most Jordan Valley settlements, told the executive that the treasury's budget division has not given any funds for reinforcing the settlements.

Yaffe also complained that banks demand double guarantees for loans to settlements in the administered territories. Usually banks demand a 100 per cent guarantee for each loan, but for West Bank settlements they demand a 200 per cent guarantee, he said.

The executive members yesterday visited Phasael, Gligal, Almog and Kalya.

Speaking at their meeting in Kalya, party chairman Shimon Peres reiterated Labour will insist that the Jordan Valley settlements be clearly tied to Israel and not be subject to the Arab autonomous administration.

But executive members differed on whether Labour should make such ties a condition for their support of the proposed peace agreement.

Israel sonic booms heard over Beirut

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TWO Israeli sonic booms were heard over Beirut yesterday and raised fears of an attack for Saturday's terror attack on Ma'alot.

Two further unidentified explosions were heard shortly before planes headed back to Israel.

The IDF spokesman last night declined to comment on this report, but overflights further increased on the Lebanese capital a day after the worst battle in three months between Syrian troops and Christian militias in East Beirut.

Yusef Hawatima's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which claimed responsibility for Saturday's raid, said today that "large numbers" of its men had died together with the terrorists.

A woman died in the attack, falling from the third storey of a building in an attempt to escape.

Syria and Iraq plan merger

DAMASCUS (Reuters). — Syria and Iraq are planning to merge into a single state under one leader with command over combined armies on Israel's northeast border, Arab diplomatic sources reported yesterday.

A union of the two countries, once bitter foes, would alter the balance of power in the Middle East.

The sources said the merger had been agreed in principle and that details would be worked out in talks between Syrian President Hafiz Assad and Iraqi President Ahmed Hassan al-Bakr in Damascus next week.

Between them, Syria and Iraq can muster an estimated 415,000 men, 750 warplanes and 4,400 tanks.

One source said: "A great deal of administrative problems have still to be tackled, but both sides appear determined to go ahead with what amounts to redrawing the political and military map of the Middle East. 'Unity' would be total, with one

Two bomb attacks foiled at soldiers' hitching stations

Jerusalem Post Staff

Two explosive devices placed at soldiers' hitch-hiking stations in Jerusalem and Ashdod yesterday were dismantled before causing any damage or injury. Both stations were teeming with soldiers when the bombs were discovered.

Rahamim Tzomah, 58, of Lower Lifta, at the western approach to Jerusalem, told press photographer Rahamim Tzomah how he was looking for something to tie the legs of a chicken at 10 a.m. yesterday near his house, which is close to a soldiers' hitch-hiking station. He found a long piece of string, but when he pulled it he discovered a grenade at the other end.

Tzomah called the police, who established that the grenade was booby-trapped. Traffic was halted, the area was cleared and the charge dismantled.

In Ashdod a soldier called the police at 9:30 a.m. after noticing a suspicious plastic bag while he, and dozens of other soldiers, waited for a lift at the Ashdod-Ashkelon junction, near the No. 311 bus stop.

A police sapper arrived on the scene within minutes and neutralized the bomb, which was made of explosives stuffed into a metal pipe and attached to a timing device. No damage was caused.



The last two of 12 F-15 jet fighters take off on Saturday from Langley Air Force Base in Virginia en route to Saudi Arabia. The fighters are being flown to Saudi Arabia in a show of strength aimed at underlining U.S. commitments in the region, the Pentagon said on Saturday. The unarmed planes will spend a week or more at Saudi air bases. U.S. Defence Department spokesmen declined to link the tour to the crisis in Iran.

However, the jets are scheduled to make demonstration flights today in Saudi Arabia. According to the Saudi newspaper "Al-Riyadh," six of the planes will fly over Riyadh, and six others over the Khams Mahait military base. "The New York Times" said in an editorial yesterday that no amount of such demonstrations can protect the West against the possibility the Saudis might stop producing oil and live off investments abroad.

(UPI telephone)

Shah's soldiers fraternize with foes

TEHRAN. — As Iran waited yesterday to hear when the embattled shah would leave, his own troops symbolized the efforts in the political climate by waving pictures of his most outspoken critic and sticking red carnations in their machineguns.

The almost festive street scenes, unimaginable even a few days ago, recalled Lisbon after the 1975 Portuguese revolution.

Tens of thousands of people took to the streets, singing, marching, or just milling around discussing the political situation unhindered by friendly, laughing troops.

Some soldiers accepted coloured portraits of the exiled Moslem leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the figurehead of opposition to the monarch, from the crowds and brandished them in the air.

Both troops and civilians seemed to be responding to the efforts by the new civilian premier, Dr. Shapur Bakhtiar, to restore calm.

The Majlis (lower house of parliament) yesterday debated the new government's programme and was expected to give it a vote of confidence by late last night at the

earliest or at the chamber's next session, to be held tomorrow.

The 59-year-old shah, the focus of mounting political protests for the past year, is under heavy pressure from his own people, from his old ally the U.S. and from Bakhtiar to leave the country at least temporarily.

But he has made clear he will not do so until after parliament gives the new premier, named last week, a vote of confidence.

There was speculation yesterday that Bakhtiar might consider the Majlis vote sufficient instead of waiting for a similar vote in the upper house — the Senate — expected on Wednesday.

The royal palace insists that if the shah leaves, it will only be for a winter holiday. But Bakhtiar says he has asked the monarch to leave for a while to let tempers cool.

The official Iranian radio on Sunday night indirectly confirmed that the shah would leave for some time when it said that a nine-man regency council had been formed to act as head of state during his absence.

Before the announcement of the new government last week, there

were daily clashes throughout the capital, usually resulting in deaths or injuries, and soldiers ripped portraits of Ayatollah Khomeini from car windshields.

Yesterday, laughing soldiers accepted kisses from anti-shah demonstrators and took red carnations to put in their barrels or pin on their helmets.

Some waved their helmets from the back of army trucks.

Other soldiers stuffed bunches of red and white carnations into the barrels of machine guns, and placed them outside embassies and at other strategic parts of the city.

From his self-imposed exile near Paris, Khomeini has called Bakhtiar's government "illegal" because the French-trained lawyer agreed to have the shah remain technically on the throne as a constitutional monarch.

Khomeini has also reportedly established a "revolutionary council" as the first step in building an Islamic republic to replace the monarchical system Bakhtiar has accepted.

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Viet tanks nearing Thai frontier

BANGKOK. — Vietnamese tanks and infantry were reported within 20 km. of the Thai border yesterday, having seized all major urban centres and nearly completed a 500-km. blitz through Cambodia in three weeks.

But Thai and western sources said there were increasing signs of stiff resistance in certain areas, some of which had been rushed through or bypassed by tanks or mechanized infantry.

Reliable western reports said elements of the defeated Phnom Penh regime were also retreating to the mountains of the southwest and may have crossed offshore islands in the region to set up resupply or command bases.

"In many areas right now, the Vietnamese only control the space that a tank comes through," one analyst said.

That intelligence sources, now closely monitoring the fighting as it approaches their borders, said Battambang, the country's second largest city, had fallen to the Vietnamese but that some of the defenders had "melted away" and were striking back at the victors.

The Thai sources said the Vietnamese troops were on the direct approach to the Cambodian-Thai border town of Poipet, still in the hands of the former regime and a

point of contact between Thailand and the Cambodians. But they and western analysts noted that the Vietnamese may hold back attacking Poipet until Cambodian forces of the new government are brought up to make the assault.

Vietnam has denied its troops took part in the fight against the repressive regime of Premier Pol Pot, and these forces presumably would be reluctant to stray within bilateral distance of the Thai border.

The western sources said 10 battalions of long-term Cambodian residents of southern Vietnam — the Khmer Krom — had recently been moved into Cambodia and might serve as occupation troops or to prove the war was strictly a Cambodian affair.

A Thai analyst said there had been a great deal of movement, difficult to follow, in the border area of northwestern Cambodia — the site of the last major stand of Pol Pot's army, which once numbered about 80,000 to 100,000 men. Its present effective strength is not known.

Thai officials yesterday allowed more than 300 battle-scarred supporters of the toppled Phnom Penh administration into Thailand for medical treatment. Interrogators of the more lightly wounded among the young men said the Khmer Rouge in-

sisted that their enemy inside Cambodia included Russian infantrymen. Intelligence analysts tended to disregard these claims.

It was impossible to say, the Thai interrogators reported, whether the Khmer Rouge had actually seen the heavy force they were fighting at Sisophon, a key crossroads town 50 km. from Thailand.

The battle could be heard clearly all day yesterday, the first time in the 21-day-old Vietnamese invasion that gunfire was audible from the Thailand side during daylight hours.

Intelligence sources said heavy fighting was still under way at several locations in Cambodia, including at Battambang, the provincial capital which Radio Hanoi has claimed is already in the new Cambodian regime's hands.

The eight-man People's Revolutionary Council, formed after Phnom Penh fell last Sunday and headed by ex-Khmer Rouge commander Heng Samrin, claims control over the entire country.

Meanwhile, the Khmer Rouge mission in Peking said that Pol Pot was still alive and leading the fight against the new regime from inside Cambodia.

According to the wounded Khmer Rouge troops, the invasion forces had employed small numbers of

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An emotional Rahamim Tzomah tells a police investigator on the outskirts of Jerusalem yesterday how he found a grenade attached to the length of string he wanted to use to tie his chicken's legs.

Cairo hopeful; official view is unchanged

CAIRO. — Egypt welcomes the new U.S. drive to get the stalled Middle East talks going again, a Foreign Ministry source said yesterday, and hopes that it will "pave the way for negotiations at ministerial level."

But the source stressed that Egypt's attitude on disputed issues remains unchanged "out of our belief that this is what will lead to stability and peace in the region."

In a separate statement, Acting Foreign Minister Boutros Ghali told the Cairo newspaper "al-Siyasi" yesterday that before the resumption of peace talks, Egypt and Israel "have to reach an agreement on disputed issues that does not give way for more than one interpretation."

Ghali added that if the forthcoming U.S. effort to resume the talks failed, another Camp David-style summit meeting between Jimmy Carter, Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin might be the alternative.

Egypt insists on a time link between any bilateral treaty and implementation of Palestinian self-rule on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Israel rejects this demand. Israel also wants the treaty to override Egypt's Arab commitments under the 1951 Arab collective defence pact. (Reuters, UPI)

Carter considers new M.E. summit

Jerusalem Post Correspondent and agencies

WASHINGTON. — U.S. President Jimmy Carter said yesterday he would not hesitate to call the leaders of Egypt and Israel to another summit meeting if that is necessary to get a peace treaty.

Speaking to an audience in Atlanta, Georgia, the president said a U.S. delegation of negotiators was being sent to the Middle East this week "to resolve the last difference on language" that has bogged the treaty down.

After the language problems are worked out, Carter said, "if necessary, I will not hesitate to call Sadat and Begin to a meeting with me again to get a peace treaty."

Ambassador-at-Large Alfred Atherton and State Department Legal Advisor Herbert Ransell leave Washington today for Jerusalem with some new ideas on breaking the impasse in the stalled Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty negotiations.

Well-placed U.S. officials said that Atherton and Ransell will focus specifically on Articles 4 and 6 during their sessions in Jerusalem this week before continuing on to Cairo to receive Egypt's response.

Article 4 deals with a possible review of the Sinai security arrangements after a five year period. Article 6 deals with the treaty's relationship with Egypt's mutual defence pacts with other Arab states.

The Americans appear confident that they will find new language for the proposed interpretative note on Article 4 bridging the gap between Israel and Egypt.

On the so-called "priority of obligations" clause in Article 6, they may be prepared to try to draft with Israel an agreed definition of aggression, thereby stipulating precisely those circumstances which would enable Egypt to go to the defence of another Arab country.

Israel fears that the U.S. legal memorandum submitted to Egypt last month explaining the American interpretation of the clause might justify a decision by Egypt to renounce the treaty — if, for example, Israel and Syrian should find themselves in a state of hostilities.

Breakthrough in Article 4 expected

By DAVID LANDAU
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The upcoming negotiations with U.S. special envoy Alfred Atherton should at least open the way to a solution of the dispute over Article 4 (the "review clause") in the draft peace treaty. This was the expectation of some (admittedly optimistic) observers in Jerusalem last night.

Ambassador Atherton and State Department legal aide Herbert Ransell are due here tomorrow for talks with officials in Israel and then in Egypt.

Israel and Egypt, for their part, have both indicated that Article 4 is the issue of dispute most amenable to a quick resolution.

In the article as it presently stands, each side may ask for a review of the security arrangements in Sinai at any time, and, if both sides agree, changes in those arrangements can then be made. Egypt has demanded that a mandatory review after five years be written into the text.

Atherton and Ransell are expected to bring with them new formulations on the interpretation of Article 6 (V) (the "priority of obligations" clause) in view of the strong rejection of Ransell's original interpretation, which substantially endorsed the Egyptian reading of the article.

A key question on the Israeli side — and one that is as yet not unequivocally answered — is whether Premier Begin accepts in principle the notion that Article 6 (V) can be resolved by defining, to the satisfaction of all the parties, the terms "defensive war" or "aggression."

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and his aides believe that the solution to the Article 6(V) dispute must indeed be sought in an exhaustive and clear-cut definition of these crucial terms, formulated by the Americans and accepted by both the protagonists. Such a definition would make it clear, for instance, that Israel's occupation of the Golan Heights, or its taking punitive action against the PLO across the Lebanese border, could not ever furnish Egypt with a legal argument to claim that other Arabs were the victims of Israeli "aggression" and thus deserving of Egypt's intervention under the Arab defence pacts.

The Foreign Ministry view is supported by a number of ministers. But Premier Begin himself has not yet taken a clear stand. The most his aides are prepared to say is that he is anxious to study whatever alternative proposals the Americans will put forward in place of their original legal interpretation, which Israel continues to reject outright.

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BRUSSELS	0	3	Clear
BUENOS AIRES	20	28	Clear
CHICAGO	-3	2	Clear
COPENHAGEN	-2	3	Clear
FRANKFURT	-1	2	Clear
GENEVA	-1	2	Clear
HELSINKI	-3	2	Clear
HONG KONG	17	24	Clear
JORDAN/AMMAN	12	24	Clear
LONDON	0	3	Clear
MADRID	1	3	Clear
MONTREAL	-1	2	Clear
NEW YORK	-3	2	Clear
OSLO	-1	2	Clear
PARIS	-1	2	Clear
RIO DE JANEIRO	19	28	Clear
SAO PAULO	15	24	Clear
STOCKHOLM	1	3	Clear
TOKYO	0	3	Clear
TORONTO	-1	2	Clear
VANCOUVER	-1	2	Clear
VIENNA	-1	2	Clear
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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Fair to partly cloudy, becoming
cloudy with rain probable in the evening.

	Yesterday's	Min-Max	Today's
Jerusalem	35	4-18	16
Golan	35	5-18	16
Nahariya	35	5-19	16
Safed	40	7-12	12
Haifa Port	32	13-15	12
Tiberias	32	6-15	12
Nazareth	32	9-19	18
Afula	36	3-21	20
Shomron	36	10-17	17
Tel Aviv	45	—	20
B-G Airport	38	—	20
Jericho	42	5-21	21
Gaza	67	9-16	18
Beer Sheva	31	5-22	21
Eilat	24	11-21	21
Tiran Straits	35	14-24	24

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Yitzhak Navon yesterday
received a delegation of the Sephardic
Jewish Appeal of England, led by
Dr. Solomon Gaon. The president
also received Rav Eliazar, head of
Yeshivat Or Haim in Jerusalem.

Haifa Mayor Arye Gurel yesterday
visited Greek Orthodox church
notables, in honour of their new year
celebrations.

State Attorney Gavriel Bach, will
speak on "Latest developments in
the fight against crime on the
national and international level" at
the Ladies' Night of Rotary
Jerusalem West, today at 8 p.m., at
the King David Hotel.

Korchnoi here as guest of Flatio Sharon

Victor Korchnoi, international
chess grandmaster who defected
from the Soviet Union and last year
narrowly lost a cliffhanger world
chess championship to Anatoly Kar-
pov, arrived here yesterday.
He will spend 10 days in Israel,
playing a number of simultaneous
games in various centres. The
matches have been organized by im-
presario Assaf Rubin of the Kiasa
agency.

Korchnoi, who last visited this
country in February 1978, is here as
the guest of MF Samuel Flatio
Sharon, who is working to obtain exit
permits for the chess player's wife
and 18-year-old son from the Soviet
Union. (Itim)

Post employee killed in auto accident

Jerusalem Post Staff
Inge Wohrsek, who was killed in a
car accident 60 km. north of Eilat on
Friday morning, had been on the
staff of The Jerusalem Post as a
proofreader.

Born in Vienna in 1933, Inge spent
her early childhood in Shanghai.
From there, she and her parents
moved to Australia after the war.
Inge came to Israel as a volunteer
during the Six Day War and worked
on various kibbutzim, finally settling
in Kibbutz Barkal where she lived
for eight years.

The funeral will take place today
at Kibbutz Barkal, at 2:30 p.m.

Talmi's compromise postpones Mapam meet

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Mapam secretary-
general Meir Talmi yesterday
withdrew his resignation on con-
dition that he be replaced in the near
future. It now appears likely that the
party convention will be indefinitely
postponed.

Talmi stepped down last week in
the midst of a row between kibbutz-
niks and city dwellers in the party
over the future of the Alignment with
the Labour Party.
He told the party's Central Com-
mittee yesterday that he will
reassume his post for a short time,
but only until a successor is found.
He said he had been Mapam's
secretary-general for the past six
years and that he had wished to
retire from politics two years ago.
Talmi made his announcement
after the committee accepted his
compromise motion, whereby the
party convention — which had been
scheduled for early February —
would be put off indefinitely. His mo-
tion permits the party to take up
Labour's offer of a renewed
dialogue.

A poll of party members is also
planned. When negotiations with
Labour are completed, the results
are to be submitted to the convention
for its approval.

Talmi favours the dissolution of
the Alignment, to be replaced with a
loose ad hoc association with
Labour. His proposal is a com-
promise between the wishes of the
urban faction which demanded that
the convention take up an earlier
secretariat recommendation to dis-
band the Alignment, and kibbutz fac-
tion, which mobilised their full in-
fluence to press that the convention
not address itself to the issue.

The proposed membership poll
may be a moment of truth for
Mapam as a whole because many
years have passed since the party
went to general elections on its own
to test its strength.

The need for the internal poll arose
from kibbutz demands for greater
representation at the party conven-
tion. Until now they had parity with
the urban faction.

The kibbutzniks argue that there
has been a decline in the number of
urban members. The fear that this
might be the case is seen as one of
the motives of the urban faction's
drive to dissolve the Alignment.

Urban faction members say that if
Mapam goes to the elections as a
separate list, the party may prove
more attractive to voters than if it
remains part of the Alignment.

Kishle cops indicted for fraud

The officer in charge of the Old
City police station (the "Kishle"),
Rav-Pakad Naim Shevo, who recent-
ly left the police force, was charged
in Jerusalem District Court yester-
day with fraud, breach of trust, sub-
orning witnesses and obstructing
justice.

The coordinator of investigations
at the Kishle, Binyamin Ben-
Ya'acov, was charged together with
Shevo.

The charge sheet alleges that the
outlet at the Kishle, Sari Rabaya,
complained at the beginning of Oc-
tober, 1977, that sacks of barley and
bales of straw were stolen from the
stationables. The groom and an-
other man gave statements at an
inquiry which cast suspicion on
Jerusalem police cavalry officer
Mefakeah Yosef Cohen. The
statements came to the notice of in-
vestigations coordinator Ben-
Ya'acov, who passed them on to
Shevo, the indictment says.

The charges also say Shevo then
summoned Cohen and accepted his
explanations, given in the presence
of Ben-Ya'acov and another
policeman, that the articles had not
been stolen but borrowed, and would
be returned by the borrower.

In terms of police standing orders,
the deputy district attorney told the
court yesterday, Shevo and Ben-
Ya'acov should immediately have
reported the complaint to their
superiors in national police head-
quarters. Instead, he said, they filed
it.

In June 1978, the indictment con-
tinued, when the episode was under
investigation by national head-
quarters, Shevo asked Ben-Ya'acov
and two other police officers, who
had been present at the interview
with Yosef Cohen, to tell the in-
vestigators that no statements had
been taken during the original probe.
(Itim)

Four held after envoy's son hit

HERZLIYA (Itim). — Four men
have been arrested here following an
incident on Saturday afternoon in
which Sebastian Schuetz, the son of
the German ambassador to Israel,
was beaten up.

The incident occurred on the coast
road, when a long line of cars was
stopped by a police checkpoint
near Nof Yam. Schuetz was driving a
car bearing diplomatic plates. The
car in which his four alleged
assailants were travelling overtook
a large number of vehicles in the
queue by driving on the road's
shoulder. But when it was forced to
rejoin the line and its driver tried to
do so next to Schuetz's car, he was
prevented from pushing in.
One of the passengers got out and
allegedly punched Schuetz through
the open window of his car. Schuetz
closed the window and drove on. But
when traffic was held up again, all
four passengers allegedly got out,

dragged Schuetz out of his car and
beat him up. They also allegedly
beat up German television reporter
Rolf Schneider, who was driving
behind Schuetz and tried to separate
the men.

The suspects were arrested by
policemen at the checkpoint and
taken to Herzliya police station.
The ambassador's son is a 12th-
grade student at Herzliya High
School.

Rabbanit Herzog's funeral today

Rabbanit Sarah Herzog, wife of
the late Chief Rabbi Isaac Halevi
Herzog, will be buried at the
Sanhedria cemetery in Jerusalem at
11 o'clock this morning.

Rabbanit Herzog died in her flat in
Jerusalem's Rehavia quarter on
Saturday. (Obituary — page 5)

The Board of Directors and Staff of the
Jerusalem Mental Health Centre — Ezrath Nashim

deeply mourn the passing of their beloved President

Rabbanit SARAH HERZOG

and express heartfelt condolences to the family.

The memory of her exceptional leadership will ever be with us.

The funeral will take place at the Sanhedria Cemetery today,
Tevet 16, January 15, at 11.00 a.m.

Emunah

World Religious Zionist Women's Organization
26 Ben Maimon Avenue, Jerusalem, Tel. 02-62468

In shock and deep sorrow,

WE MOURN THE PASSING OF OUR BELOVED WORLD
PRESIDENT

Rabbanit SARAH HERZOG

Her loss leaves us bereft of a great leader and a wonderful
human being.

Emunah World Executive

Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Women's Organization of Canada
(Emunah of Canada)

We mourn the passing of our beloved leader

Rabbanit SARAH HERZOG

Canadian National President, Mrs. Miriam Stern
Canada-Israel Committee Chairman, Mrs. Cissy Flegg

We are grieved beyond words at
the sudden passing of our beloved President

Rabbanit SARAH HERZOG

whose unique personality was our inspiration and guidance for
decades of untiring efforts on behalf of our organization.
With her passing, we have suffered an irreparable loss and we
shall cherish her memory forever.

Our heartfelt condolences to her son Chaim, her daughter-in-law
Pnina, and their families.

בנימין נתן הרצוג

Emunah-National Religious Women's Organization in Israel



The leader of Canada's opposi-
tion Progressive Conservative
Party, Joe Clark, steps off the
plane at Ben-Gurion Airport
yesterday. He arrived at the
head of a large delegation, in-
cluding 17 journalists, for a
three-day visit to Israel. Clark's
visit here will include meetings
with the prime minister, opposi-
tion leaders and Foreign
Ministry officials.

Argov tipped for London

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel's next ambassador to Lon-
don is likely to be Shlomo Argov, who
is currently the envoy in Holland. Ac-
cording to unofficial sources, Argov
is expected to take over in the
summer from Avraham Kidron,
former director-general of the
Foreign Ministry, who will have
served in Britain for just over two
years.

Argov has served as ambassador
to Mexico and as head of the Foreign
Ministry's information department.
It was he who took over from Kidron
in The Hague when Kidron was moved
to London early in 1977.

Another major appointment widely
expected in the ministry is that of
veteran diplomat Yeshayahu Ausg
as ambassador to Canada, taking
over from Mordechai Shalev, who is
expected to end his tour of duty in the
summer. (Ausz, however, might yet
be a candidate for the London post.)

South African coal to Hadera

Jerusalem Post Staff
and Agencies

Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i
confirmed last night that Israel and
South Africa are due to sign a long-
term coal agreement that would
bring the first shipment of coal to the
new Hadera power plant in ap-
proximately 18 months.

The contract, worth some \$23m.
annually, was negotiated during the
past four years in what
Johannesburg's "Sunday Times"
called "top-secret negotiations
between the Israeli government and
the Transvaal Coal Owners

Association."

The "Sunday Times" said yester-
day that the first shipment is to be
consigned in early 1980 and that the
coal would cost between \$21 and \$23 a
ton. Some 750,000 to one million tons
are included in the first contract.

By the time the coal arrives a jetty
or conveyor belt system should be
ready to handle the transfer from the
giant freighter to the Hadera
generator.

The Israeli mission handling the
contract negotiations in South Africa
is headed by Shimon Gilboa, director
of the Israel Fuel Administration.

Row over bus routes causes traffic jams in Tel Aviv area

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — This dispute between
the Dan and Egged bus cooperatives
over routes flared up again yester-
day morning when Dan changed
some of its bus routes to protest the
opening of additional Egged lines in
Tel Aviv.

Traffic jams and confusion
resulted as Dan drivers moved the
final stop of the No. 4 line from the
Reading power station to the old port
entrance near the North Tel Aviv
junction of Dizengoff and Ben-
Yehuda. The Dan workers also moved
stations of lines 1, 2, 6 and 8 to the
old port, where early morning rush-
hour traffic is often snarled.

The changes prevented
passengers on these routes from con-
necting with Egged buses at
Reading. Dan lines 12 and 32 were
moved out of the northern railway
station and into a residential
quarter, to protest Egged's adding
its line 73 to the railway station.

Transport Ministry officials met
yesterday with Egged and Dan
representatives at the request of Tel
Aviv deputy mayor David Shifman
in an effort to resolve the conflict

raging at the expense of Tel Aviv
residents.

Dan spokesman Aharon Shani said
the Dan cooperative had not been in-
formed of the changes in Egged's
routes, although Dan and Egged par-
ticipate as observers in the meetings
of the reorganization commission set
up by the Transport Ministry about a
year ago.

As far as Egged is concerned,
there is no conflict. All the changes,
including those made yesterday,
were in keeping with the reorganiza-
tion plans of the Ministry of
Transport, according to Egged
spokesman Rafi Rosenberg. He added
that the new Egged lines operated
yesterday were discussed as far
back as two years ago. It was deter-
mined in December that Egged
would start operating the routes
yesterday.

The complaints of the Dan
cooperative will be examined within
two weeks, Transport Ministry
spokesman Yehiel Amizai said last
night after a meeting with represen-
tatives of the two cooperatives. The
spokesman confirmed that all the
changes in Egged routes were part
of the reorganization of bus lines in
the Dan region.

Zealots confront police in Mea She'arim clash

Large police and Border Police
detachments last night clashed with
hundreds of ultra-Orthodox
residents of Jerusalem's Mea
She'arim quarter.

Police said that before they ar-
rived at the scene several people pas-
sing in cars had been stoned by the
crowd, who had closed the roads
leading to their neighbourhood.
Before midnight large police units

were still surrounding the crowd.

Itim reports that the background
to the disturbance is apparently the
arrest of about a dozen religious
zealots following the stormy
demonstrations on the new Ramot
road on Saturday and in Mea
She'arim itself on Saturday night,
arising out of the issue of sabbath
travel on the new road.
(Yeshiva student — page 3)

A memorial service and unveiling of the tombstone of

RUTH (née Rüdenberg)

and

ABRAHAM HAMBURGER

will take place on Wednesday, January 17, 1979 at 3:00 p.m. at
the new cemetery, Kfar Samir, Haifa. We shall meet at the
main gate. Transportation will be provided from 18 Hattatshi St.,
Haifa at 2:30 p.m. We thank sincerely all those who expressed
their sympathy.

Hans Rüdenberg, Haifa
Anat and Ron Hamburger, Haifa
Hanna Pickman and family, Haifa
Elisheva Litau and family, Nahariya

I regret to announce the death of my dear wife

SYLVIA COHEN

the daughter of Ignatz and Rosa Schieber

The funeral will take place today, January 15, 1979, meeting at the new
gate, Holon Cemetery at 2:45 p.m.
Please refrain from condolence visits.

Stanley Cohen

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The funeral will start from Rambam Hospital, Haifa, on Monday,
January 15, 1979, at 3 p.m.
No condolence visits please.

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Raftoul Dana and Family — Milan
Jacques Dana and Family — Haifa
Vicki Mann and Family — Paris
Malvina Norek and Family — London

Our dear brother-in-law and uncle

KURT ROSENSTOCK

has left us suddenly and unexpectedly.

The funeral will leave today, Monday, January 15, 1979, at 3 p.m. from the
Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Daphna, Tel Aviv, for the Holon
cemetery.
Transportation will be available for those attending the funeral.

El and Elsie Hakenbrock
and family, London

Teachers status c'ttee announced by cabinet

By BENNY MORRIS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The cabinet formally approved yesterday the membership of a commission charged with investigating the status and working conditions of the country's teachers.

The establishment of the commission was first proposed last summer by Education Minister Zevulun Hammer in an effort to avert the teachers' strikes that subsequently closed the country's high schools during September, November and December.

The commission will be chaired by former Supreme Court Justice Moshe Elon, and will comprise Dr. Leah Adar of the Hebrew University, Dr. Dan Lorenz of the Technion, Professors Michael Chen, Ya'acov Ne'eman, and Avner Shalev of Tel Aviv University, and Arye Simon of Bar-Ilan University, past laureate of the Israel Prize for Education.

The Education Ministry also announced that representatives of the teachers unions will serve as "permanent observers" during the commission's deliberations.

The commission is empowered to discuss the following subjects and to recommend ways of improving existing conditions:

- The educator's image in the public eye;
- Attracting excellent candidates to the teaching profession;
- Procedures of accepting students to teacher training institutions and the educational system;
- The development of teachers' "educational-social" involvement in school;
- Continuous in-service training for teachers and appropriate incentives;
- Teachers salaries as compared with those of other groups of professionals;
- Teachers' and schools' pedagogic and administrative independence;
- Opportunities of advancement for teachers;
- The distribution of functions and perks in schools;
- Teachers' working conditions and school work procedures.

Asher Wolfson adds:
The cabinet did not decide how long the committee should have to complete its work and submit recommendations.

However, it is assumed that the committee will work at full pressure, since Justice Elon has a reputation for getting things done. He has experience chairing state committees as well as central elections committees. He also has a close personal interest in the problems of the ORT vocational school network.

Lishansky children still want Nili father's name cleared

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Yosef Lishansky's two children have been demanding for many years that their father's remains be buried next to those of Avshalom Feinberg — his comrade from the Nili organization which fought for the British against the Turks in World War I. But Lishansky's name was anathema to the Yishuv for many years and it was not until 1967 that evidence could be produced to show that Lishansky did not murder Feinberg, as the mainstream of the Yishuv claimed.

Ivria Lishansky-Rom, her brother Tuvia Lishansky and historian Yosef Nedava summoned yet another press conference in Tel Aviv yesterday to repeat their demand. They reiterated that Yosef Lishansky is the victim of historical character assassination. They also denied rumours that they were privately putting up a "semi-official" IDF monument near their father's grave in Rishon LeZion.

Feinberg was murdered in 1917 near the Gaza Strip while travelling with Lishansky to Egypt in an attempt to make contact with British intelligence. Lishansky was wounded in an attack which is believed to have been staged by Beduin, but "for his return to Palestine it was hoped that he had murdered his friend because they were both competing for the attention of Sarah Aharonson, another Nili member. Lishansky later ran afoul of the Yishuv for other reasons, was caught by the Turks, and was hanged in Damascus in December 1917.

After Feinberg's bones were found in 1967, the Lishansky family asked then-prime minister Levy Eshkol to have Lishansky buried next to Feinberg in the state cemetery at Mount Herzl. The request was refused, but was taken up again when the Likud government came to power. Prof. Nedava told reporters that



Yosef Lishansky

Premier Menachem Begin had been sympathetic but that there are difficulties in Jewish law about moving a body from one part of Eretz Yisrael to another. The family, he said, then agreed to a compromise — the establishment of an army and government monument at the grave site in Rishon LeZion.

But following publication of the press reports that the family was planning a "semi-official" monument, Nedava and Lishansky's children now feel that there still are remnants of anti-Lishansky feeling, and that the only way to try to rehabilitate his name fully would be with a state and army funeral in which Lishansky's bones would be interred in a new grave next to Avshalom Feinberg.

Nablus shop sealed up by security forces

NABLUS. — Security forces here yesterday sealed up a clothing shop owned by Sharif Kalbuna, whose family is under investigation.

This is the first time in a long period that security forces have used this measure. The sealing order was issued by the military governor of Nablus.



Police bring Binyamin Ze'evi (left) to Magistrates Court in Jerusalem yesterday.

Yeshiva student held till end of trial

Binyamin Ze'evi, 27, son of Aluf (res.) Rehavam Ze'evi, was remanded in police custody yesterday until the end of his trial. Ze'evi is being held for his role in the disturbances on the Ramat road in Jerusalem on Saturday.

Ze'evi is a pious Jew studying at the Or Sameah Yeshiva. His lawyer, Avraham Bardugo, claimed that Ze'evi is being held because he "wears a kipa on his head, and not because of his part in the disturbances."

The police are expected to ask the magistrates court to remand 10 other yeshiva students until the end of the proceedings against them. One of

the suspects is the son of a deceased leader of Neturei Karta. The suspects were arrested on Friday night and Saturday in different parts of the city.

Meanwhile, MK Menachem Porush of Agudat Yisrael complained to police that about 150 people assembled outside his house and started blowing their car horns and cursing. He also said they broke into the Central Hotel and did several thousands of pounds damage to the hotel's dining room.

The police are trying to talk with leaders in the religious community to try to prevent outbreaks next Sabbath. (Jlm)

Atarot businesses lost IL4m. in last week's power failure

By AARON SETTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem's sprawling new industrial park at Atarot was paralyzed for four days last week by a massive electric power failure, angry labour and industry leaders told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

"We estimate the losses at more than a million pounds each day," a spokesman for the city's Manufacturers Association unit told *The Post*.

A spokesman for the Jerusalem Labour Council said: "Hundreds of hourly workers were sent home right after they reached Atarot because there was no work for them — you can't operate machines without electricity."

Atarot, with about 30 large, medium and small factories and workshops, receives its electric power from the East Jerusalem Electric Corporation, the Arab utility originally licensed by Jordanian authorities.

Several of the larger firms, accustomed to the frequent breakdowns in electric supply, have purchased standby generators. But industrialists last week's disruptions were so extended that all production ground to a standstill. The power crisis was the subject of a special meeting held yesterday afternoon at the offices of the Jerusalem Economic Corporation — the government municipality firm that built the Atarot industrial park. The meeting was called by Ram Haviv, Energy Minister Yitzhak Mordechai's deputy director-general for electric power, following the businessmen's complaints to Prime Minister Menachem Begin and members of Knesset.

A representative of the East Jerusalem Electric Corporation explained to the Atarot industrialists that inadequate operating equipment was the sole reason for the firm's failure to meet the industrial park's electric power demand.

As a stopgap measure, an auxiliary high-load power line will be strung into Atarot from nearby Neve Ya'acov, the large Jewish residential housing complex, within two weeks.

One of the industrialists told *The Post* last night: "We explained that we just cannot operate this way any longer. We are now pinning our hopes on the utility's promise to build an electric power substation in Atarot by next July or August."

Hospital nurses seeking separate representation

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Hospital nurses yesterday appointed a consulting committee to represent them alongside the secretariat of the Histadrut Nurses Union. The decision was reached at a meeting at Ichilov Hospital. It had been predicted that the hospital nurses — who feel they are worse off than other nurses — would break away from the union entirely.

Nurses who spoke at the meeting complained that hospital nurses always come out as the underdogs in work contracts, though their working hours and conditions are far more difficult than those of clinic or school nurses.

The new consulting committee will demand special benefits for shift work, more nursing positions in understaffed departments and higher salaries to attract nurses to fill both existing vacancies and the new ones they want added. It was also proposed that the committee demand early

retirement rights for nurses who have worked in hospitals continuously for 25 years and who feel they are no longer able to handle the work.

The threat to leave the Nurses Union still stands, if the union does not listen to the hospital nurses and does not get them what they want, the meeting decided.

Moria Galili, secretary of the Nurses Union, said that hospital nurses comprise 50 per cent of the union and that "of course" the union would listen to their demands.

"I myself am a hospital nurse," she said, "and I understand the problems."

"We have been fighting for the same things they want, but first we want a more realistic salary scale for all nurses, for nursing as a profession."

"After that, I don't even think all hospital nurses should get the same thing. After all, a hospital in Safed has different problems than one in the centre of the country," Galili said.

Kupat Holim workers to strike today

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — All Kupat Holim workers except doctors will stop work from 9 a.m. to noon today to protest the proposed national health insurance law. Hospitals will work on holiday schedules, though operations will be performed and meals will be served as usual.

Moche Levron, chairman of the Kupat Holim workers union, said yesterday that the workers are afraid Kupat Holim will become a contractor able to employ its workers according to the contracts the government signs with it.

"Maybe during the first few years of trying out the new system, the government will give Kupat Holim good contracts," Levron said.

"But later, because of the government's desire to weaken the Histadrut, the government may take its business elsewhere. Then what

will happen to us?"

Levron also charged that the Histadrut has a "political axe to grind." "What if, in order to hurt the government, the Histadrut threatens to close down Kupat Holim clinics within a year of the new law's taking effect? Where will we go then?"

Levron said that, at a recent meeting with Health Minister Eliezer Shostak, the workers asked the minister if they would become ministry employees under the new law. The minister's answer, according to Levron, "was an unequivocal no."

Levron said Shostak's answer emphasized the danger that the new law presents to the more than 28,000 members of his organization.

But Shostak yesterday published a letter to Levron in which he said allegations that the new law would hurt Kupat Holim employees "had no basis."

Horev: Technion needs more students

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Technion President Amos Horev yesterday said that the institute is planning a student recruitment campaign to fill a national need for 16,000 more engineers by 1985.

Horev told *The Jerusalem Post* that the Technion, which trains 75 per cent of the nation's engineers, had "so far sat back and waited for the students to apply to us." But he said that, in view of a decline in applications, the Technion had a "national responsibility" to recruit new students.

Horev said the Technion, which

graduates a "steady 1,200 new engineers annually," can take on an extra 300 students "without any extra expense or expansion of the campus."

He said that an Industry Ministry study has predicted exports to increase to \$3.7b. by 1985, which would require 16,000 new engineers.

In 1971 some 16.5 per cent of all high school graduates seeking higher education had sought engineering studies; but since then the rate has declined to this year's 11 per cent, Horev said.

"At this rate the national targets cannot be reached," he warned.

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Prisoner escapes Nazareth court

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — A convicted prisoner who was due to testify yesterday morning escaped from a police detention cell in the District Court.

Yosef Ya'acov was brought from Haifa to Nazareth to testify and was being held in the local lockup. Policemen discovered the cell empty when they went to bring Ya'acov to the courtroom.

Policemen combed the area, and within 30 minutes one policeman encountered the fugitive. But despite warning shots, the escaped convict managed to get away. Drops of blood were found later at the site and police believe Ya'acov may be wounded.

A police spokesman said that after the Ya'acov escape it was discovered that someone had earlier seen through the bars of the lavatory window in the courthouse.

A police investigation revealed that Ya'acov, who was due to testify at the trial of some accused accomplices in several robberies, had planned to escape together with the suspects from the courthouse.

Bialik Prize awards

TEL AVIV. — Poet Avot Yeshurun and novelist Aharon Appelfeld have been named as the recipients of this year's Bialik Prize for literature — the Tel Aviv Municipality, which awards the prize, announced last week.

Prizes for outstanding work in Jewish studies will go to Prof. Yehuda Ratzavi, for his work on the Hebrew of the Jews in Yemen, and Dr. Yitzhak Rafael, for his study of "Sefer Hamashig" ("The Book of the Leader"), written by the 12th-century Provencal talmudic scholar Abraham Ben-Natan Ha-Yarhi.

Newscasts in Persian

A 10-minute daily roundup of news in Persian began yesterday on Israel Radio at 6:50 a.m. to help introduce Iranian immigrants to Israeli current events.

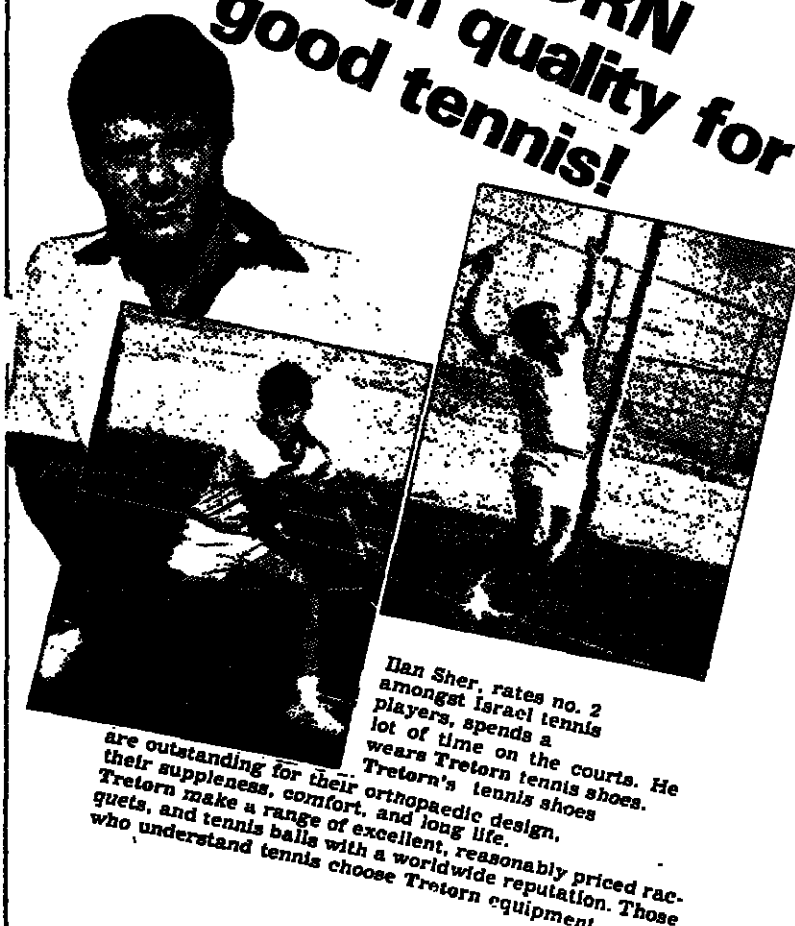
The radio has also begun to increase its shortwave broadcasts in Persian to Iran. ME Moshe Katsav, who returned recently from a mission to Iran, said in a letter to the Broadcasting Authority that thousands of Jews there listen to such broadcasts every evening.

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Oliphant's house to be preserved

HAIFA (Jlm). — The house in Daliat el-Carmel in which the early British Zionist, Sir Laurence Oliphant, lived at the end of the last century will not be demolished, and there is a good chance it may be repaired and made into a historical site, Jlm has learned.

The house, surrounded by 95 dunams of land, has gradually become dilapidated as repeated attempts to have it declared a historical site have failed.

The Israel Lands Administration has now made a deal with one of two sets of owners, and has almost completed negotiations with the other.

The empty land is designated for houses for Druse veterans of the IDF.

Oliphant, a journalist and propagandist for the settlement of Eretz Yisrael by Jews, employed Naftali Herz Imber, composer of "Hatikva," as his secretary for a time, and Imbe was a resident of the house.

Police thank alert citizens who found booby-trapped case

Jerusalem Post Reporter

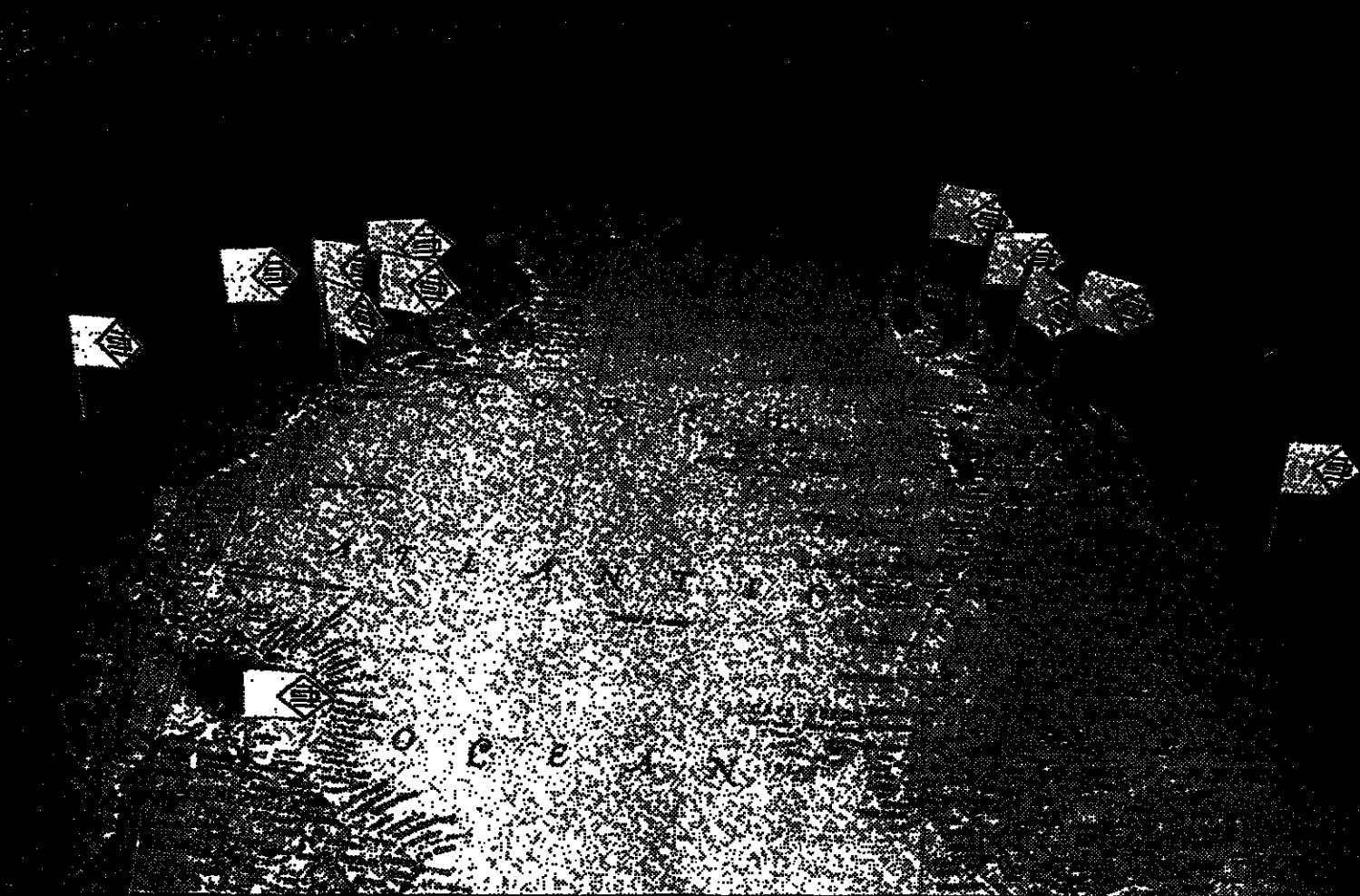
HAIFA. — Haifa police chief Tattizav Avraham Turgeman yesterday expressed appreciation to two residents who had found what could have been a major terror incident near the port entrance.

Refreshment stand salesman Edmund Bismut and customer Simona Grinberg were presented with personal letters of appreciation and copies of the police album by Turgeman at a police headquarters ceremony.

Bismut, who works at the Elmon kiosk near the port entrance, alerted police last Sunday when a customer left a suitcase after buying seven sandwiches. Grinberg, who works at the El Al office opposite the kiosk, had noticed the unknown customer leaving the case, and drew Bismut's attention to it.

Thanks to their alertness a police sapper dismantled the 120mm mortar shell and several kilograms of explosives inside the case shortly before they were due to go off. The incident occurred during the lunch break, when the area is crowded with pedestrians.

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SHAH'S SOLDIERS

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Sidewalk vendors, who used to sell portraits of the shah and royal family, were yesterday hawking pictures of Khomeini, Teheran's Ayatollah Khomeini and Ayatollah Shariatmadari of Qom.

Small groups of Iranians, out for a stroll under Teheran's blue skies, stopped to read handbills which have been plastered on telephone booths, walls and lampposts in recent days. One handbill blasted the U.S. for its support of the shah and the Bakhtiari government.

The message appeared to be in response to reports that Gen. Robert Huyser, deputy commander of U.S. forces in Europe, had come to Iran to urge the military to support the new civilian government.

Meanwhile, oil industry sources said supplies of petrol and heating fuels were increasing as refinery workers returned to their jobs at Khomeini's request. Production had reached about 450,000 barrels a day, roughly half of Iran's domestic needs for this time of year, but well ahead of the record lows of under 200,000 barrels at the height of the oil workers' strike.

Khomeini urged oil workers to produce enough fuel for domestic needs but not export. Iran has not exported petroleum in large quantities since December 25.

VIET TANKS ADVANCING

(Continued from page 1)

Cambodian troops as "point men" (scouts), moving just ahead of the main force.

They said that in the battle for Sisophon town, a small battle with the scouts resulted when a combined Vietnamese-Russian column of reinforcements moved up quickly.

A wounded soldier who identified himself only as "Lt. Na" found "many, many soldiers, including both Vietnamese and Russians." Intelligence analysts tended to disregard the claims.

The former Phnom Penh administration now fighting to set up a guerrilla force has claimed many times that the Vietnamese force they faced included troops of the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact nations.

No proof of Soviet participation in ground battles has yet been offered, although intelligence sources have indicated that there may be Russian planners involved, and the odd Soviet observer may accompany the Vietnamese forces.

Apart from the wounded, an expected flood of refugees from Cambodia into Thailand has so far failed to materialize. Thai sources in Bangkok said that no more than 1,000 refugees have entered the country along the entire 800-km. border during the past three weeks.

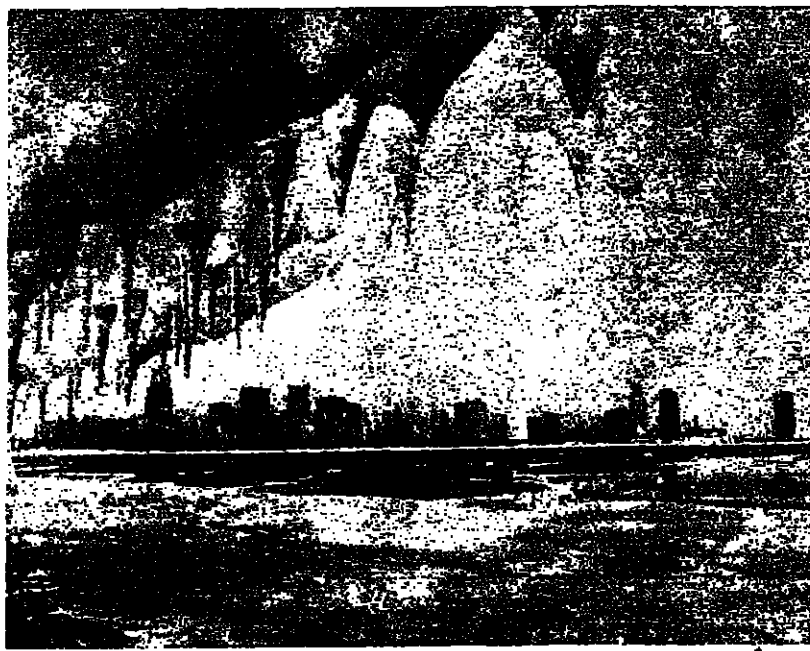
Only four refugees were known to have crossed the river yesterday.

Striking aviation workers issued a statement during the weekend warning civilian airlines of the dangers of landing at Iranian airports because of their two-week walkout. The strikers also reiterated their demands that American and Israeli planes be denied use of Iranian air space.

The shah will be going abroad — but he will not be seeking refuge at the Beverly Hills, California, home of his sister, the mayor of Beverly Hills said on Saturday.

Mayor Joe Tillem said that after a private conference with a U.S. State Department official, "I can tell you authoritatively now that (the shah) is not coming here to live." Tillem, whose city saw a violent demonstration by anti-shah Iranians on January 2, added that he was "relieved" by the news.

Tillem said the State Department official, whose name was not disclosed, also reported that the shah's sister, Princess Chamah, might leave her Beverly Hills home permanently. The princess and the 50-year-old Queen mother fled to the Palm Springs desert estate of Walter Annenberg, a former U.S. ambassador to Great Britain, after the demonstrations. They reportedly left the 900-acre compound last week for an undisclosed location. (Reuter, AP)



CHICAGO. — Like the jaws of a giant shark, icicles formed by wave action on the rocks at the Adler Planetarium seem to hold Chicagoans in their grip. Yesterday one of the worst blizzards in years left the city shut down under 53 centimetres of snow — the second heaviest snowfall in its history. Similar amounts of snow fell in other parts of the Midwest. (UPI telephoto)

China, Vietnam swap charges over new border fighting

HONGKONG (Reuter). — Vietnam and China exchanged accusations of territorial violations and causing border incidents yesterday. Hanoi charged that China had sent two warships into Vietnamese waters and had provoked almost daily border clashes since Cambodian rebels captured Phnom Penh. The Vietnam news agency reported yesterday.

The Chinese news agency's version was that Vietnamese soldiers had fired on Chinese border guards and opened shellfire across the border between the two countries.

Vietnam's news agency said the Vietnamese foreign ministry had sent a protest note to the Chinese embassy in Hanoi yesterday warning Peking that it must bear full responsibility for the consequences.

The note said Chinese troops had crossed the border into Vietnam almost daily since January 8 — the

day after Vietnamese-backed insurgents seized the Cambodia capital.

It accused the Chinese of starting their provocation by sending two warships into Vietnamese waters last Monday.

China, in turn, yesterday accused Vietnamese troops of firing at Chinese border guards and shelling Chinese territory along their common border.

The New China News Agency said armed Vietnamese in Quang Ninh province opened fire on Chinese militiamen in Kwangai province. The Chinese were "compelled to return the fire," it said.

Then more than 200 Vietnamese troops arrived at the scene and set up "three machineguns and one 60mm mortar" across the hill from where they "lobbed eight shells" into Chinese territory on two occasions later in the day. (NCNA said)

Guards stop march on China's Kremlin

PEKING (Reuter). — Armed guards kept back hundreds of shabbily dressed demonstrators who yesterday tried to march on Peking's Chungnanhai compound where China's leaders live, demanding food and the right to work.

The demonstrators, victims of the "Cultural Revolution" in the sixties, were seeking a meeting with senior Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping. But soldiers of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) guarding the huge walled compound next to the Forbidden City blocked their way.

About 50 of them were still gathered outside the main entrance

to the compound late last night in temperatures well below freezing.

During the march from Tien An Men Square, they had carried banners reading: "We want more democracy and human rights," "we want to present our grievances to Teng the incorruptible," and "strike down the backstage supporters of the Gang of Four who are still in existence."

One of the demonstrators said 20,000 people had come to Peking from all over China to present their complaints but had nowhere to go or sleep. They also complained of being beaten by police.

China-Portugal diplomatic ties expected

PEKING (Reuter). — China and Portugal, colonial ruler of the tiny enclave of Macao on the Chinese coast, are expected to establish diplomatic relations within days, western diplomatic sources said yesterday.

There was no immediate indication of whether Macao, famed for its gambling, high life and annual Grand Prix race, would stay under the Portuguese flag.

There was speculation in Peking that the enclave, ruled by Portugal since 1557, might return to Chinese

sovereignty but keep its social and economic system as a signal to Taiwan that China's leaders are sincere in their reunification offers.

China has had no ties with Portugal since the communist takeover in 1949. Diplomatic sources said Lisbon had been seeking formal ties for some time.

Last year the Portuguese governor of Macao toured parts of South China, the first time since at least 1949 that Macao's colonial ruler had visited China.

U.S.-British arms deals endangered

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The Pentagon's cancellation of the proposed purchase of British Harrier jet fighters could endanger future cooperation in arms development between the U.S., Britain and other North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies, government sources said.

Defence secretary Harold Brown had informed Britain last week of his decision to cancel the \$4.7b. purchase of 360 Harriers because he believed the Marine Corps could not afford to buy them, the sources said.

They said his decision was not related to any possible British sale of the aircraft to China, or to Britain's decision two years ago to withdraw from the purchase of a U.S. radar surveillance plan by NATO countries.

America and Britain signed a memorandum of understanding

three years ago in which they agreed to cooperate on arms development where possible.

Although the plan would have been built under license by McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis, Missouri, more than \$1b. would have been spent in Britain on the purchase of Rolls Royce engines and other items, the sources said.

Swiss probe Saudi princess' death

NYON, Switzerland (Reuter). — Swiss police are investigating suspicious circumstances concerning the death here of a young Saudi Arabian princess.

Princess Nadia, 20, wife of Prince Saud Majed Ibn Abdulaziz had been in ill health for some time, living in an apartment near this Lake Geneva town.

Soviet build-up in Arab states worries 6th Fleet commander

By LOUIS B. FLEMING

Washington Post News Service
GAETA, Italy. — The massive movement of sophisticated Soviet arms into Mediterranean nations, especially Libya, could change the balance of power in that area of the world, according to Vice-Admiral James Watkins, who took command of the U.S. 6th Fleet in September. Watkins said the military does not know whether the arms are intended solely for the defence of the nations to which they are being sent — also including Algeria and Syria — or whether there is a more "sinister" purpose. "We are most concerned because the growth is so extensive and so current," he added. "It has only happened in the last year or so. We're not sure what it means, and nobody knows how to deal with it."

The flow of arms includes advanced aircraft, such as the TU-22 medium bomber, the MIG-23 fighter and, since late summer, the MIG-25. At least 200 advanced Soviet aircraft are in Libya alone, with others in Syria and Algeria, he said.

For the moment, Watkins is confident that the U.S. — with allied support — holds the edge. "Today in 1979, in my opinion, the 6th Fleet will win the day at sea in the Mediterranean if called upon," he said. He attributed the fleet's superiority to its surface ships' sophisticated mis-

siles, nuclear submarines, and fighter and anti-submarine aircraft on its two carriers.

Watkins' comments come at a time when the best of both the U.S. and Soviet fleets is posted in the Mediterranean.

The Kiev, the Soviet Union's 900-foot guided missile anti-submarine aircraft carrier, moved through the Strait of Gibraltar into the Mediterranean at Christmas. She is expected to stay for two months.

On the U.S. side, the Spruance, first of a new class of super anti-submarine destroyers, joined the fleet last month. U.S. strength will be further enhanced in the weeks ahead when the Eisenhower, one of the new nuclear carriers, and its companions, the guided-missile cruisers Virginia and South Carolina, join the fleet for a standard six-month tour of duty.

But the 6th Fleet's advantage could be lost if the Soviet Union could use the weapons it has supplied to Syria and Libya.

"They essentially then would have their own carrier, if you will, and would not have to fly out of the Crimea as they do now," Watkins said.

Watkins emphasized that he was not accusing the Soviet Union of building up arms for its own use. "I'm only asking the question," he

said. For instance, why would it build up such a sophisticated fleet as the TU-22 and MIG-25 solely for its own defence?

Keeping the sea lanes open to the 6th Fleet's prime responsibility in Europe is dependent on the oil flowing through the Mediterranean. "25 million barrels at any given time on 300-plus tankers," he said, "the fleet also is geared to protect the dependence of Israel and to support other NATO naval forces and ground units in the event of war."

A blow up in the Middle East would almost certainly force the 6th Fleet to operate without Allied support. The fleet maintains its capability to operate "totally disconnected from bases," he said, "but it is a long operation."

A successful operation in the event of general war would depend on support and cooperation of NATO allies. "We can't go it alone," Watkins said. He reported excellent cooperation with Italy, Greece, Turkey, within the Alliance, and France and Spain as well. "The navies of all these nations are working together in training exercises."

Watkins was interviewed aboard his flagship, the USS Albany, secured alongside the NATO headquarters here on the Italian coast, miles south of Rome.

Pope stumbles on way to TV ski

VATICAN CITY (UPI). — Pope John Paul II, hurrying up his noon appearance to catch a ski race on television, stumbled on Italian syntax yesterday and told a befuddled crowd in St. Peter's Square that he liked seeing them soaked.

The 58-year-old former cardinal Karol Wojtyla of Poland asked his effusive thanks to the crowd of 40,000 and said: "I am always happy, so happy, when it rains."

The odd comment left the masses, basking in bright winter sunlight, high and dry.

After an instant of silence, the quick-thinking John Paul added: "But I'm even happier when it's sunny."

The pope's recovery provoked a ripping of applause, but the pontiff — who often lingers at his Vatican palace balcony — wasted no time in disappearing inside.

Germany will take 20 Viet refugees

MANILA (Reuter). — West Germany has agreed to take 20 people in a family reunion cases from the 2,300 Vietnamese refugees aboard the freighter Tung An here, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees representative said yesterday.

About 200 of the refugees on the freighter, anchored off Manila for more than three weeks, have now been guaranteed resettlement elsewhere. Several countries, are still examining the possibility of taking more. UNHCR representative Werner Blatter said.

France has so far accepted 60 family reunion cases from the vessel and Switzerland 11. New Zealand has accepted a family of six, and Israel has agreed to take 100 refugees in the hope that other countries will follow suit.

Arabs fear 'Iran disease'

By JONATHAN RANDAL

Washington Post News Service
TEHERAN. — The slow-motion collapse of the shah's Iran has sent shudders through the principal Middle East oil-producing countries, which had grown used to stability in Tehran and, more grudgingly, to the shah's often maddening regional power pretensions.

With the shah's departure perhaps only a matter of days away, the uncertainties about the future Iran have prompted the U.S. to dispatch a squadron of F-15 jets to Saudi Arabia and more warships to within striking distance of the Persian Gulf and its oil riches.

Yet with Iranians seemingly counting themselves out of the regional power game, which was always the shah's personal vision, Arab neighbours are worried about catching the Iranian disease.

"You do not transmit health — you transmit illness," an observer remarked, noting that many of Iran's neighbours also suffer from the same waste, corruption, social dislocation and lack of free political expression that combined to bring the shah to grief.

The spillover potential of militant challenge from Shi'a Islam in Iran is being watched closely in Iraq, a

notoriously unstable country, more than 25 per cent of whose citizens are of the same religious persuasion. Shi'a Moslems also account for about 40 per cent of Bahrain's population, and constitute a substantial minority along Saudi Arabia's coast and in Kuwait.

Openly or in private, these Arab states are re-examining their conventional wisdom concerning economic models of development. Persians of the Middle East and the threat of American protection.

Saudi Arabia charges that the Americans couldn't save the shah, defend the dollar or force Iran to accept Egyptian terms. These accusations have been countered by U.S. irritation at Saudi Arabia's going along with last month's 10 per cent oil price increase.

But beyond these considerations all Iran's neighbours must be concerned with the possibility that the shah's eventual successors will prove incapable of restoring stability. However pleased the Arabs may be with Bakhtiari's promises of ending oil sales to Israel and adopting a pro-FLO stand, the present reality that they openly regret substituting an unknown situation for a known one at the very worst was at least a devil they knew.

SA boxer wins in U.S. after protest

MIAMI BEACH, Florida (Reuter).

South African heavyweight Kalle Knetze stopped American Bill Sharkey in the fourth round here Saturday night in a fight that went ahead despite the efforts of black civil rights groups to halt the match.

Sharkey was knocked down twice by a heavy barrage of punches, and referee Jay Edson stopped the scheduled 10-round bout at two minutes and 55 seconds into the fourth round.

The controversial fight got the go-ahead earlier Saturday when the Miami Beach boxing commission

rejected an appeal to prevent Knetze from getting into the ring.

The protesting civil rights group charged that Knetze was a symbol of South Africa's apartheid policy. They also said he was an unfit person to be admitted to the U.S. because of his record outside boxing.

Knetze, while serving as a policeman, shot a 15-year-old boy in the legs during a racial disturbance in Soweto, a black town near Johannesburg, in 1976. The boy had one leg amputated. Knetze later was cleared of all charges.

Club Mediterranee under attack in Egypt

By JACK MAURICE

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
PARIS. — The Club Mediterranee has hit out here against a press campaign which it claims is sponsored by would-be rivals seeking to oust it from Egypt.

"Al-Akhar," the semi-official Cairo daily, recently accused the club of being "a tax evader," an "unworthy employer" and "an enclave of racist French tourist colonialism."

The club's director for international relations, Stephane Geisler, describes the charges as "absurd." The violent blast against the French-based holiday organization was launched only a few months before its 10-year lease on the luxurious Marnay Palace Gardens expires in November.

The Palace Gardens, situated on Rodah Island, near the centre of the Egyptian capital, are a former

property of the royal family. The club operates a 360-bed bungalow holiday village there with a restaurant open to the general public. It rents the site from the state-controlled Egrot tourism and hotel firm.

In an attack on the club's chairman, Gilbert Trigano, the Cairo newspaper called him "a rich French Jew" and said the club's "intelligence shop working for Israel." "Al-Akhar" added: "Let's ban the club from Egypt before peace is made with Israel, even if we let it back in again afterwards." The company also has a resort complex in Elilat.

Egypt's Tourism Minister Mahmoud Abdel Hafez said in Cairo that a new agreement would be based on profit-sharing. Egypt had turned down a first offer by Trigano for over 500 million Egyptian pounds.

The club has been operating in Egypt since it was admitted by

President Gamal Abdel Nasser in 1968. Nasser stipulated that the club must change its name, and the new name is Croisieres Touristiques Egyptiennes.

Questioned about the anti-campaign, its local representative Alain Fouquet-Abrail said, "It's a political matter." But club officials in Paris consider it is the hands of would-be rivals, eager to lay hands on the profitable Marnay complex.

"If the Egyptian government wanted to have us out of the country they could do so. But we have the best of relations with the Egyptian authorities," said Geisler.

The campaign comes only a few weeks before the opening of a holiday village at Hurgada on the Red Sea. Club Mediterranee operates this village, which it is to share with Marnay Travel, the sister company of Egyptian tourism organization.



The Vice-President of the United States of America, Walter F. Mondale, Hon. Chairman of the Hubert H. Humphrey Parkway in the American Bicentennial Park, congratulating Mr. Paul Zuckerman of Detroit on his becoming National Campaign Chairman to raise funds for the completion of the parkway implemented by the Jewish National Fund. The three sons of the late Senator Hubert H. Humphrey II, together with a delegation of 43 Minnesotans are now completing a two week dedication mission to Israel, which was highlighted by the dedication of the Hubert H. Humphrey Parkway last Friday, January 5, 1979, with the participation of the Prime Minister of Israel, Mr. Menachem Begin, the U.S. Ambassador, Samuel W. Lewis, the Chairman of the World Zionist Organization, Aryeh L. Dulsin, the Chairman of the KKL, Mr. Moshe Rivlin, the Hon. Chairman of the Anti-Defamation League, Mr. Burton Joseph and the Executive Vice-President of the JNF of America, Dr. Samuel I. Cohen.

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Iranians stash millions abroad

By CHRISTOPHER PAINE/Gemini News Service



Where is all the money going? Two who may know are Jamshid Amouzegar (left) and Princess Ashraf, the shah's twin sister.

It was in this capacity that Nassiri gained international notoriety for employing the most barbaric forms of torture imaginable against the shah's political opponents. His preparations for leaving the country are understandable. For Nassiri, a popular government in Iran would mean almost certain execution.

Gen. Oveisi has much to fear from a successful revolution against the shah. Commander of Imperial Iranian Ground Forces since 1972, Oveisi's most recent task, assigned to him by the shah, was as martial law administrator for Tehran.

A former commander of both the elite Imperial Guard and the nationwide paramilitary Gendarmes, Oveisi was involved in both the 1988 coup and the suppression of the June, 1983, uprising, during which several thousand of the shah's religious opponents were massacred.

Although neither the Iranian nor Western press knows much about him, Oveisi is well known in U.S. Army circles. The U.S. Army had a training mission with the Iranian Gendarmes from 1949-76, and still maintains a large advisory mission with the Iranian Army.

Another leading Iranian who is unlikely to be popular with a radical

was, according to one Iranian source, "a nobody cleaning car windows in Tehran only 15 years ago." Epitomizing the rag-to-riches entrepreneurial class that the shah has nurtured, Yazdani now lives in exclusive north Tehran in a castle-like structure bristling with radio antennas and machinegun nests.

All Reza came from nowhere to become a royally-appointed senator, head of the Ahlshar Bank, and major stockholder in Iran's largest private steel combine. In recent months, it is reported, he urged military officers and government officials to take a hard line with the opposition.

Ahmad Khatami is the major investor in Iran National, Iran's largest car and bus producer. Opposition sources say that both Zehedi and the shah have investments in Iran National, and that government import duties ranging from 200 to 400 per cent have given Iran National monopoly profits and a 75 per cent share of the market.

Licensed from Chrysler, Iran National sells an outmoded Hillman car, called the Paykan, for about \$8,000. The only competitor is General Motors' Iranian subsidiary, a joint venture between GM and the ubiquitous Pahlavi Foundation, repository of the shah's many investments.

A product of the U.S. Harvard Business School, Habib-Allah Ladjevardi is one of the three sons of Mahmoud Ladjevardi, founder of the Behar Industrial Group, a collection of some 49 wholly-owned companies and joint ventures with foreigners or other Iranians. The Behar Group is involved with the U.S. Dupont company in a \$200-million venture to produce synthetic fibre plant near Isfahan. The Export-Import Bank of the United States has committed \$40m. to the project.

PUTTING BACK SEVERED LIMBS Surgeon's dream is coming true

By KEVIN MCKEAN/Associated Press

NEW YORK — Once no more than a surgeon's dream, the attachment of severed limbs is an operation coming of age in modern medicine — a fact reflected in the restoration last month of an 11-year-old girl's leg.

But doctors are expressing only guarded optimism in the case of Elizabeth McFadden, whose leg was re-attached in a six-hour operation after she fell in front of a train.

While surgeons have gained much experience in restoring fingers, hands and arms, restoration of a full leg is still rare, with perhaps fewer than two dozen operations ever attempted in the U.S.

Doctors who worked on the sixth grader from Central Islip, New York, say it may be years before they know whether the operation was a success.

The first operation to re-attach a fully severed limb was performed in 1962 when Dr. Ronald Malt and surgeons at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston reattached the right arm of a 19-year-old boy.

That was Everett Knowle, who now works as a meat delivery man hauling 80-kilo sides of beef, a spokesman at the hospital said.

Despite this success, operations remained experimental in the U.S. until Malt and a dozen other prominent surgeons visited China in the early 1970s.

The Chinese had achieved success with many such operations, including re-attaching a leg. "We came back resolved to try harder," said one of those who made the trip. Today, doctors estimate, perhaps 1,000 Americans a year undergo replant operations, with fingers, hand and arms, in that order, accounting for nearly all.

The operations are performed by teams of surgeons at more than a dozen medical centres and sometimes last up to 24 hours.

Eleven months ago in Boston, surgeons at Tufts, a New England medical centre, spent 17 hours piecing together the shattered legs of Lee Scitson, now 11, whose legs and pelvis were crushed and mangled when he fell under a train.

The boy was hospitalized nearly five months, and a part of his left foot had to be amputated. He is now confined to a wheelchair much of the time, but can walk and climb stairs with braces and crutches.

In replant surgery, doctors first re-attach severed blood vessels to get blood to the injured part. Then they rejoin muscles, tendons and nerves, using hand-held instruments but sometimes working under a microscope to stitch together tendons as thin as a hair.

Chances for success depend on if the severed part was cut cleanly, whether the operation begins quickly, and if the patient is a child, as young tissues heal better than older tissues.

The operation that has been least successful, doctors say, is the re-attaching of a leg. Legs heal more slowly than arms, the nerves must grow farther to regenerate, and artificial legs are more satisfactory than artificial arms or hands, replant surgeons said.

"THE THING you don't want to do is give a limb a viable blood supply and then find out the nerve doesn't grow. The longer you keep a patient in the hospital the worse the situation might be if you ultimately decide to take it off," said one plastic surgeon who asked not to be named.

Surgeons decided to make the attempt with Elizabeth because of her youth and because the severed leg had been well preserved, said Dr. Michael Mamakos, one of the team that operated on her.

Her leg now shows the healthy pink of blood flow and there has not as yet been any sign of infection. Doctors expect to reopen the leg in two to six months for fine surgery on the main nerve, the ends of which are now only roughly joined.

A woman of valour

RABBANIT Sara Herzog, wife of the late Chief Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog and mother of diplomats Chaim Herzog and the late Ya'acov Herzog, was a woman of great intelligence, compassion, and organizational ability.

She was born in 1899 in Ruland, near Riga, Latvia. Her father, Rabbi Samuel Isaac Hillman, took the family to Scotland in 1905. Sara married Isaac Halevi Herzog in 1917, upon his appointment as a rabbi in Belfast. In 1936 Rav Herzog accepted the invitation to become the Chief Rabbi of Palestine and the couple settled in Jerusalem in 1937.

Rabbanit Herzog joined her husband in his struggle for Jewish rights in Palestine and in his continued efforts to secure a place here for refugees from the Holocaust.

She participated in political activities and it was not beneath her dignity to demonstrate against the British White Paper and Mandatory government policies.

A former member of Mizrahi Women's Organization of Great Britain, Rabbanit Herzog was active in several religious women's Zionist

movements. She was elected president of the Mizrahi Women's Organization and in 1977 the president of Emuna, the World Religious Women's Movement which combined the Israel division with similar movements in other countries.

RABBANIT HERZOG was the chairman of the Ezrat Nashim Hospital in Jerusalem. In addition to developing this centre into the most modern of its kind in the Middle East, she chaired numerous committees and organizations devoted to work for disadvantaged families, delinquent youth, and maternal aid institutions. It was during her leadership that Mizrahi developed a network of educational institutions ranging from kindergartens to high schools.

Sara Herzog was chosen as "Mother of the Year" in 1986 by the Council of Women's Organizations in Israel and received many international awards for her work.

She was a Distinguished Citizen of Jerusalem and held honorary degrees from Bar-Ilan and Hebrew Universities. A forest was planted in her name in 1958 by the Mizrahi



Rabbanit Sara Herzog Women's Organization of Great Britain. Rabbanit Herzog was famous for her simplicity and generosity. She kept an open house to all guests in true Jewish tradition. ALEXANDER ZVILLI

HOUSEBOUND GARDENING

appeal to getting a rubber tree in your home. As low temperatures, cold winds and rain keep you from the garden, we can transfer your activity indoors. Houseplants are more popular than ever while interior decoration.

hot a houseplant, better known here during the rubber tree, is perhaps the most common house plant in Israel. It is found in shops, banks, restaurants, hotels, hospitals, and homes. It is a popular gift. This plant can also easily be grown outdoors where its ever-green foliage is attractive.

rows well even in the chilly climate of Jerusalem. My garden, situated to the east of my home, holds three rubber trees. The oldest, "father," is about 30 years old. It is 7 metres tall, but I cut it to 1.5 metres. Its 15-year-old "son" has strong side branches and one "grandchild" is three and a half metres tall. It is in a large flower pot.

calls. Often I receive phone calls and letters from people who are dying, rubber trees. Some vials, carrying their sick plants to me in a condition, with yellow and half-rotted leaves. They tell me they recently received their plants and have done everything — so, but they can't keep them healthy — the soil, feeding with the said Geval chemical plant food, and watering, putting the plants close to a window. The plants are dying. What did I do wrong? query.

gyptian plants grow slowly or not at all in winter. This is absolutely normal. If it does not produce foliage from March until May, it may be underfed, overwatered, or in need of more space. The problem means repotting, but for the dormant winter.

upper leaves turn pale and the part of the stem becomes spindly. This indicates a lack of light, in winter, a too warm dry room.

the top leaves wilt or roll up, it may either be too dry or too soggy or overexposed to the

GARDENER'S CORNER

Walter Frankl



sun. When leaves from the middle or the bottom of a rubber tree drop, the plant is being over watered. This also occurs when ficus is repotted in summer and not during its winter rest. If yellowish, old lower leaves drop occasionally, it may be quite natural for the plant and does not reflect on the health of the tree.

Sometimes sudden changes of temperature account for leaf dropping. If you have a ficus in a heated room and you open the window in winter for fresh air, the cold air may strike a plant near the window and give it a sudden shock. Too much cigarette smoke may also be responsible for leaf dropping, or watering with very cold water (winter tap water). Insufficient light can also be harmful. Signs of rot or brown margins on leaf tips probably indicate over-feeding with chemical fertilizers.

Good maintenance. Although the rubber tree is a tropical plant native to the Amazon River valley in Brazil, it feels best in a summer temperature of not more than 20° Celsius and is as satisfied with only 15° in winter. Ficus trees do best in light — not direct sunshine — or partial shade. Artificial light, neon or infra red light, will also satisfy their needs.

The best soil for growing rubber trees in containers is equal parts of

sandy soil and compost. Or try 50 per cent red soil with 25 per cent each of vermiculite and peat. Ficus, when planted in a well-protected, partially shady spot outside will adapt to any soil but will grow more quickly in sandy, composted ground.

Water two or three times a week in summer. In winter, this plant needs much less moisture — watering once every 10 days would be sufficient. The soil should never dry out. Test it with your finger. Don't water if the soil is still wet.

"Washing" the leaves by hand-spraying them with lukewarm water to remove dust is beneficial in all seasons.

Renewal by cutting. When a rubber tree grows too tall, many people are unreasonably shy about shortening it. They would rather let it touch the ceiling and bend over. But bending often leads to a spindly, ugly stem, as the plant tries in vain to reach the light and finally drops its top leaves. Don't be afraid to cut tall rubber trees.

To grow a new rubber tree from the one you have, make a small cut under a leaf somewhere in the middle of your ficus (drawing no. 1) and cover the spot with a thick layer of peat moss mixed with water-saturated vermiculite.

Fix this medium to the cut stem with raffia or adhesive tape (drawing no. 2). Sphagnum moss is a better growing medium but is not available in Israel; it can be ordered from a European seed shop or garden centre. Around the cut and added growing medium put a piece of ordinary nylon, fixed firmly at the top and bottom (drawing no. 3). Don't forget to make holes in the nylon for growing leaf stems in the area of the cut. Add a few drops of water daily to keep growing medium continually moist. After six to eight weeks, roots sufficient for a new tree, will appear where the cut was made. Separate the new tree from the mother plant and transplant it to a container filled with the soil mix mentioned above.

Growing a new tree this way has several advantages: first, you will get rid of an unattractive ceiling "climber"; secondly, you will have acquired a healthy new ficus free of charge; thirdly, the old tree will produce two or more new stems in spring and will continue to be a handsome house plant for years to come.

There is also a fourth advantage. The leaves that appear in spring or summer can be used to make a "ficus factory."

Propagation. There are different ways to propagate a ficus elastica. During March, April, or even in May, you can cut leaves with a small piece of stem from ficus side sprouts and insert them into a jar filled with lukewarm tap water. The water has to be changed every few days; keep it at a steady temperature.

When tiny white roots appear on the cuttings, transplant to medium-sized flower pots filled with the above-mentioned soil mixture. Water regularly, but never too much. Place the pots in shade for two months till new leaves appear and show you a positive result for your transplantation.

Don't be disappointed if about 30 per cent of your plants do not succeed. This happens even to a professional. Another method is to remove the cuttings and transplant them immediately into flower pots without a rooting period in water. In this case, you have to use hormone-rooting powder in which you dip the end of the stems before planting.

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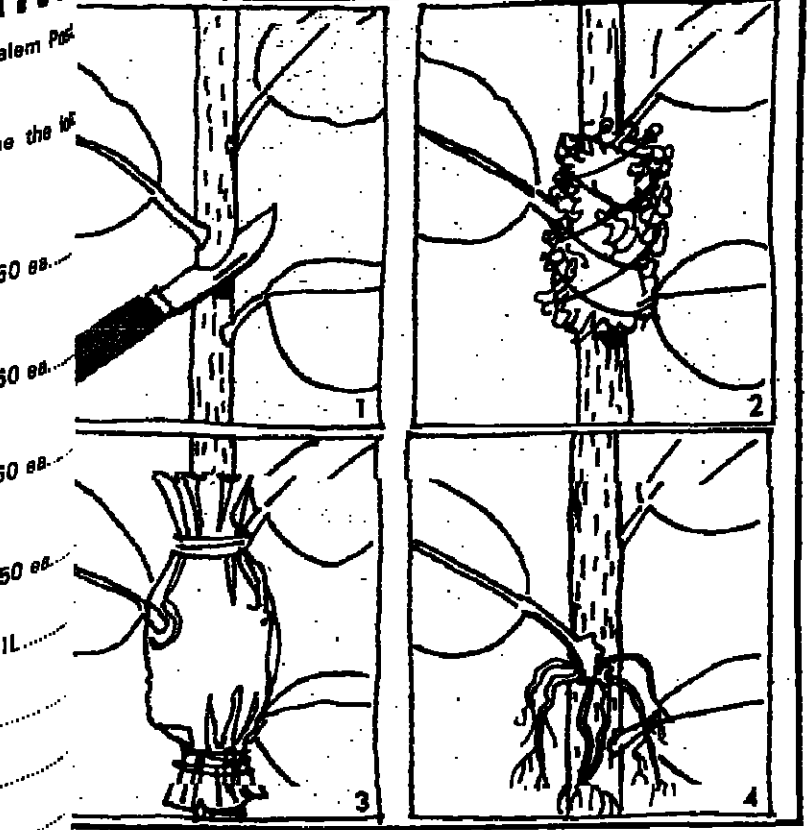
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Infant industry going strong

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AS EACH Food Week approaches, journalists invariably ask the organizers, "What's new in the industry?"

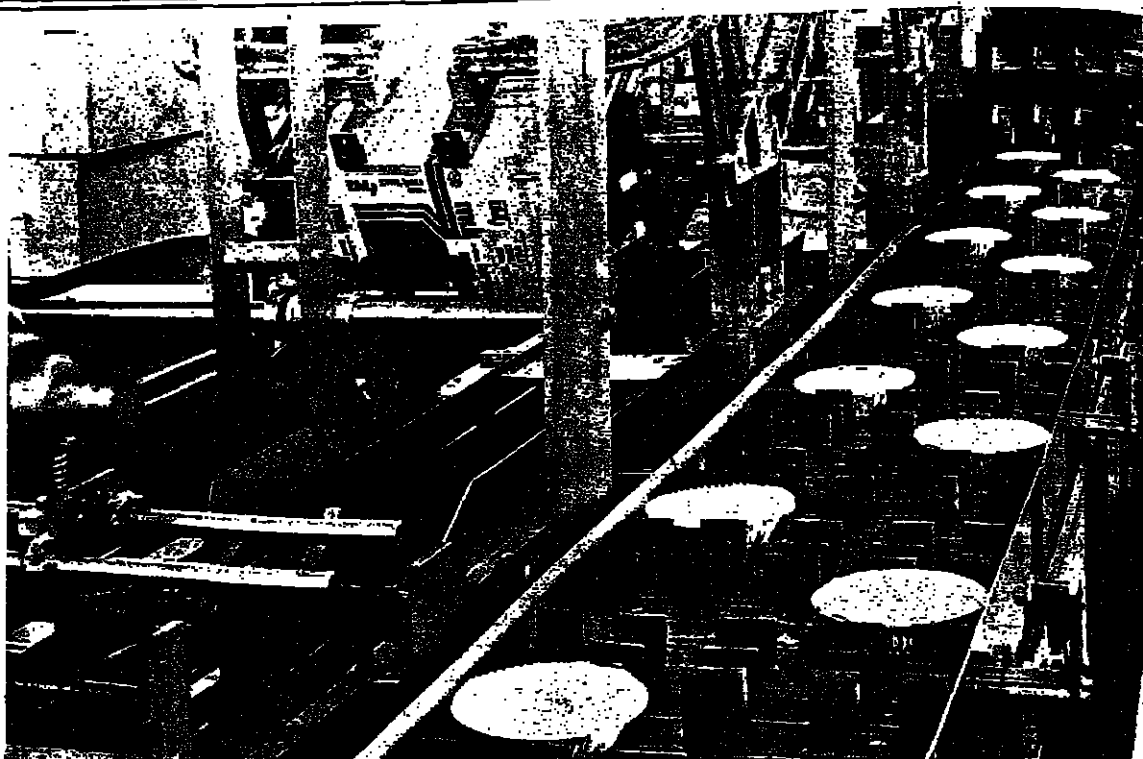
One of the answers this year is the Milosun plant which produces canned and frozen poultry. The plant was commissioned less than a year ago. Milosun is part of the Milout regional enterprises in the western Galilee. It is owned by the kibbutzim in the area and operated as a cooperative.

Milosun, like some other plants in the Milout group, was created because the settlements needed to adjust to the rapidly changing market conditions and problems of over-production (until a short time ago, there was a poultry surplus, and the cold storage plants were loaded with frozen chickens and turkeys).

The surplus no longer exists in this field, and Milosun's goods are produced from poultry that is grown especially for them by the kibbutz farms.

Speaking to Yitzhak "Bouxy" Arbel, of Kibbutz Cabri, the director of Milosun, one senses his pride in this plant as one senses his pride in his children.

One of the aspects that gives him most satisfaction is that the plant's



Prettily trimmed pastry shells on the Milosun production line.

production lines are fully automatic and built in accordance with international standards and regulations. ARBEL SAYS the canned products from the plant are offered in a large selection of sizes, ranging from 100 grams to 10 kilograms. The large cans are a specialty, and the company can be regarded as pioneers in this field.

In a recent tour, journalists tasted a Milosun luncheon prepared from the huge 10-kilogram cans. The food, remarkably, had a distinctly home-made flavour.

The canned products include meals of meat, vegetables, gravies, spreads and soups.

Another Milosun line is frozen products, which include breaded and fried items, flame-broiled burgers, a

variety of pies and many chicken and turkey dishes prepared in sauces.

Arbel's eyes sparkle as he talks about the packaging of these products, which are ultra modern. Packaging includes the use of aluminium trays, boil-in-the-bag pouches and laminated cartons.

Arbel also points out that his poultry products are low in fat and cholesterol and free of chemical preservatives and colourings.

THE COMPANY also plans to sell their poultry meat pies in stores where the meals will be pre-heated — fast-food for people in a hurry who want something more than just a felafel or sandwich.

The plant started production in

May, 1978 and has a potential production of 8,000 tons of products (both canned and frozen). Arbel says the plant is capable of producing even more, but does not need enough chickens and turkeys processing.

He hopes that eventually Milosun will supply enough products for the plant. The target is to supply 70 per cent of the products, with remaining 30 per cent being imported locally.

Arbel also emphasized that the plant has a well-equipped research and development department, which includes an experimental kitchen and taste-panel facilities. It also enforces the most rigid international standards.

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Entrepreneur in Jerusalem

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

DESIGNER, restaurateur and producer of nature foods, Roger Savatieri, at the age of 23, has a biography that reads like a novel.

Just when he was about to begin studying architecture at Brooklyn's Pratt Institute of Art, Roger, who is not Jewish, came to Israel as a volunteer during the Yom Kippur War. A few months later he visited Jerusalem and fell in love with the city. He has been there ever since.

Enrolling in the Bezalel Art Academy in architecture, industrial design and graphics, he immediately became embroiled in the life of the city. Soon after he began his studies, he learned that a large apartment complex was planned for a particularly scenic slope of Abu Tor, a neighbourhood overlooking the Old City, and he set out to fight it.

He got the plans of the building by posing as an earnest architecture student eager to learn about building on slopes. From the plans he drew a sketch of what the hillside would look like after the building was completed, and, with these, he went around the neighbourhood drumming up opposition to the plan. His activities resulted in the slicing of a few storeys off the planned building. The project has yet to be built.

THEN, having become convinced of the benefits of health food, he

became a partner in a natural food restaurant. The restaurant folded after two months, having barely broken even. Roger was left with a large supply of wooden bowls, copper pots and chopsticks.

Meanwhile, the Jerusalem housing shortage does not seem to have any relevance for the young student who goes on foot throughout the city, striking up conversations with all and sundry. At one period he occupied three flats, as home, studio and storeroom, all at minimal rent.

In one of his flats he opened an informal tea-house, serving meals and herb tea to guests who were asked to remove their shoes before they entered. He also sold books on such topics as mysticism, the occult and yoga.

When his peanut butter and sesame seed butter became popular, he began to bottle them and sell them in shops — until the Health Ministry, in a rare burst of conscientiousness closed him down, not because they found the products dirty but because he did not have a permit. Roger was forced to buy back dozens of jars of peanut butter.

When he realized that it would take

organization to produce natural foods, Roger went into business, a partner who put up the capital. After a few months he found commercial life boring and then sold his share in the business, which is still flourishing.

HIS LATEST activity has been as assistant at the excavations of Ophel, the site of the city of David. At the directions of archaeologists, he executed drawings of the area excavated together with projections of areas they must have looked during time of the First Temple.

This in turn led him to his latest project, a series of drawings of gates of the Old City. The drawings themselves are architectural in execution, but the surrounding area has been "improved upon." Many aerials have been eliminated, asphalt streets have been replaced by cobblestones.

An admirer, seeing the drawings immediately hit upon the idea that they would look very much like a calendar. Always ready for something new, Roger immediately designed the calendar, letting layout. In a country where souvenirs are few and far between, the calendar should find takers, especially among tourists.



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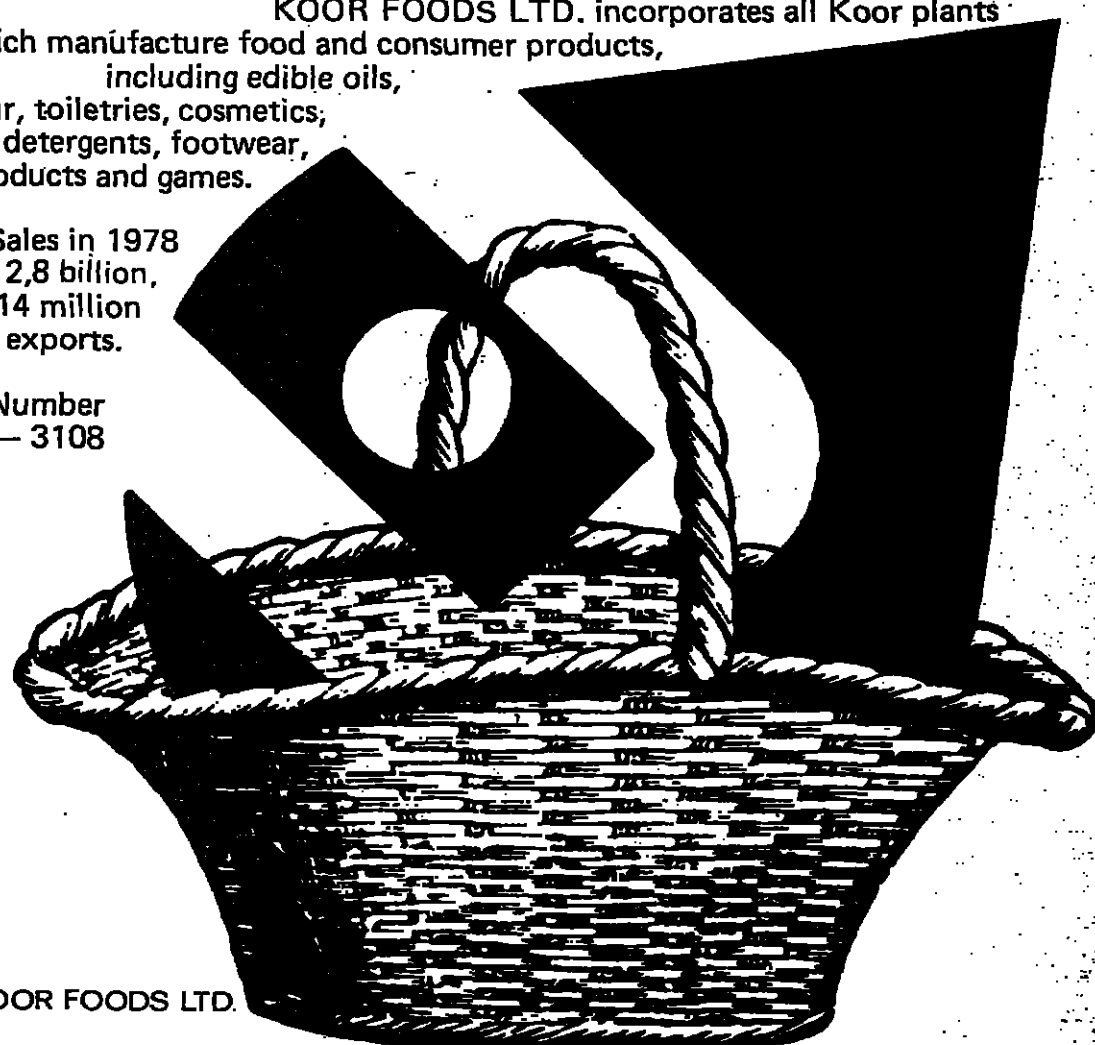
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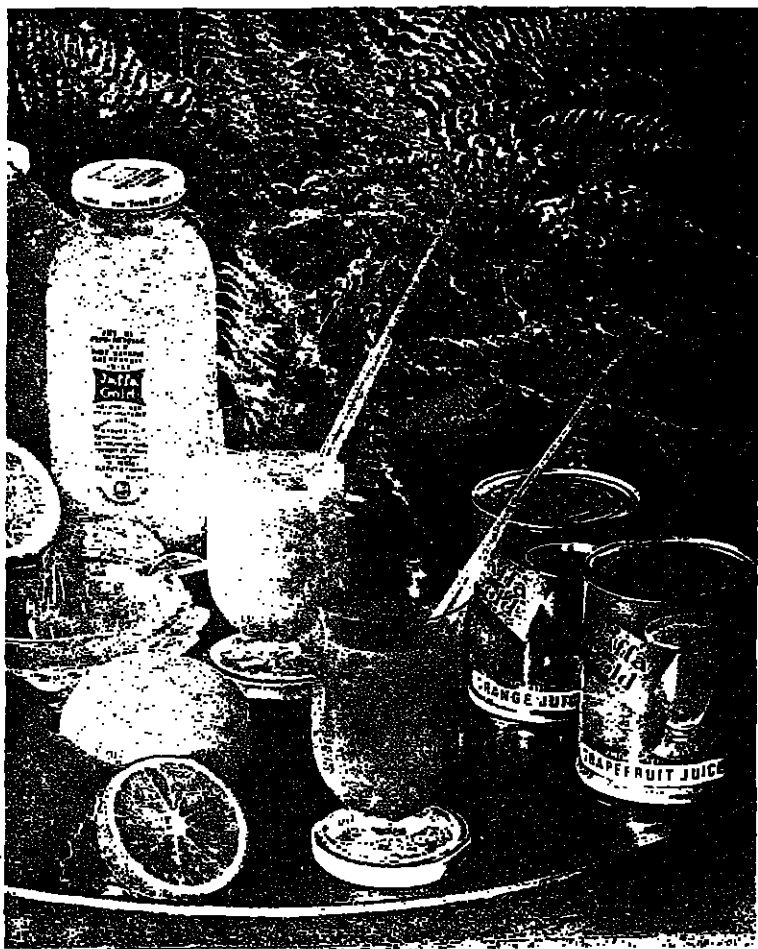


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Skylab astronauts (from left) Joseph Kerwin, Paul Weitz and Charles Conrad test-taste food for their space mission.

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The nearest thing to "out of this world food" is the food that astronauts eat during their space flights. At the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) headquarters in Houston, Texas, research is now in advanced stages on what the crew aboard the space shuttle orbiter will eat. And it does not seem that they will be suffering from malnutrition or monotonous meals.

Menus are balanced (3,000 calories a day), with piping hot entrees, reasonably cold fruit beverages or dessert, and plenty of condiments. A typical daily menu aboard shuttle may be: breakfast — orange drink, peaches, scrambled eggs, sausage, sweet roll, cocoa; lunch — cream of mushroom soup, ham and cheese sandwich, stewed tomatoes, banana, cookies and tea; dinner — shrimp cocktail with sauce, beefsteak, broccoli au gratin, strawberries, pudding, cookie and cocoa. Many of the foods — breakfast bars, for instance — come right off supermarket shelves.

ALL MEALS will be prepared with variety in mind, so that a space traveller may have a different menu for six successive days. On the

Fit for men in space

seventh day the cycle begins again. Dining may be at a table in the galley, or from a food tray held in the lap or affixed to the wall. (Zero gravity requires special fastenings on trays.) Ordinary eating utensils will be used.

Types of foods planned for the space shuttle include: • Thermally stabilized — Pre-cooked foods canned or packaged in laminated foil pouches such as cheese spread, tuna, beef with barbecue sauce.

• Intermediate Moisture — Foods preserved by controlling the available moisture, such as dried apricots, peaches, breakfast bars. • Rehydratable — Dehydrated foods reconstituted with water, such as scrambled eggs, beef patty, chicken and noodles, all beverages. • Irradiated — Foods exposed to ionizing radiation to effect preservation, such as bread, rolls and beef steak.

• Freeze dried — Foods with all water removed (to be rehydrated or eaten as is with saliva acting as the moistening agent), such as strawberries, shrimp, bananas. • Natural form — foods such as nuts and cookies.

From the beginning of the U.S. space effort, the down-to-earth topic of food has captured the attention of both observers and participants. In the early days, when space flights were short, food was not too important. But it became a vital one as space travellers began to range farther and stay longer. At first menus included only the tubes of pastels, food served at room temperature, dehydrated cubes, or a few freeze-dried items. They were consumed without enthusiasm.

By the time of the long-duration Apollo flights, the forms and preparation of space food had

become more sophisticated, and new heating and cooling means brought improved palatability.

During early Apollo missions, the pattern became standardized: 2,800 calories a day consisting of 18 to 17 per cent protein, 30 to 32 per cent fat and 50 to 54 per cent carbohydrate. Food was of two types: dehydrated

cubes and lightweight freeze-dehydrated servings. The cubes consisted of solids processed in the form of compressed and dehydrated cubes which could be rehydrated by the saliva in the mouth as food was chewed. Freeze-dried foods, which retain flavor, nutrition and fresh appearance even after processing, were reconstituted by injection of a specific amount of hot or cold water. All were packed in heavy plastic.

OCCUPANTS of Skylab fared even better during the three manned missions to the space station. They were given a greater variety of foods at the rate of 1.9 kilograms per day per man, a volume previously unknown in manned space flight. Freezers, refrigerators and warming trays were used for the first time in space. Except for beverages, consumed from a collapsible dispenser, meals were packaged in aluminum cans with the now-familiar pull-off lid. At mealtimes, the astronauts assembled the cans onto a food warmer-retainer tray from which they dined.

The space shuttle oven, however, operating in a cabin maintained at standard sea-level atmospheric pressure, can heat meals to 160 C. It can heat food in containers constructed from various materials of various sizes and shapes. Rehydratable foods will be reconstituted by water inserted through a narrow tube that perforates the plastic container rather than the complex valve used earlier. The new food-warmer retainers will be more streamlined, easier to eat from and maintain more efficiently for hot foods while not affecting temperature of cold items.

It should be easy for a crew member to assemble a meal for four in about five minutes, to be heated and ready to eat in about an hour. Clean-up is simple — "wet wipes" containing a cleaning compound are used on trays and utensils.

Everything won't be perfect, of course. The ice cream voted the favorite food of Skylab astronauts is not on the menu so far for space shuttles. On the other hand, the crew will not have to eat cold potatoes, the food voted most repulsive by all the astronauts.

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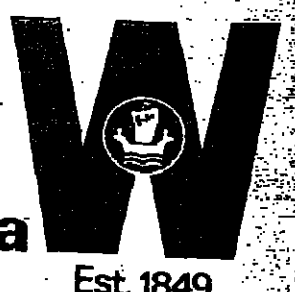
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The hot springs of Tiberias, of course, have been popular for centuries, even prior to it being given its present name in honour of Tiberius, Emperor of Rome, 2,000 years ago.

It has also been long renowned as a seat of rabbinical study, where the Mishna was completed. Rabbi Moshe ben Mimon, "Maimonides," died there in 1204, and the tombs of Rabbi Meir Bar Haneva, Rabbi Akiva, Rabbi Yohanan and Eliezer the Great, and many other scholars are still venerated today.

However, it is the rare combination of its many assets that have made Tiberias one of Israel's most popular vacation areas.

ALONG THE SHORES of the lakeside town, there prevails an unusually restful atmosphere. But if the "lazy bliss" becomes too much, one can enjoy swimming, sailing, water-skiing, fishing, or cruising.

For the record, Lake Kinneret lies 212 metres below the level of the Mediterranean, is 21 kms. long, 13 kms. at its widest point, has a circumference of 32 kms. and a depth of about 50 metres.

The sea teems with an abundance of fish of many species. A must for all who visit Tiberias, is the delights of St. Peter's fish. One of the best places to relish this tasty fish is at Kibbutz Ein Gev, on the eastern shore, about 28 kms. by road around the lake, or 9 kms. by the ferry boats. Ein Gev also boasts a splendid centre where music festivals are held.

In ancient times Jews came from Babylon and Persia to Tiberias on pilgrimages, doubtlessly enjoying the serenity as well as taking the cure. Today's visitors follow very much the same pattern.

For the growing number of overseas visitors, a tour around the lake provides a rare glimpse of history. Just 6 kms. out of Tiberias is Migdal, or in its biblical form, Magdala. Crossing the Valley of Gennesaret, the biblical Land of Gennesaret of the Christian Bible and from which the lake acquired yet another name.

Capernaum, where the remnants of the synagogue in which Jesus first held prayers, remains an attractive structure.

But it is undoubtedly the hot springs which gave Tiberias its initial push as a resort over 20 centuries ago.

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and 35-metre-long thermal indoor pool, is said to maintain the highest international level. Physiotherapists especially brought from Sweden are in daily attendance.

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The hot springs host visitors from Germany, Austria, Holland, Finland, Belgium, Switzerland, Canada and other countries. In most cases, the Europeans are sponsored by their national sick funds.

Today, many visitors do not suffer from either disease or ailment other than a hectic modern life. Overwork, over-travel, near-exhaustion and daily exposure to noise and air pollution bring not only Israelis but visitors from abroad to the spas of

Tiberias. THE FIRST MAJOR step in revitalizing Tiberias was the addition of the 5-star Canadian Pacific Tiberias Plaza. The Ganei Hamat Hotel, also 5-star, remains another favourite with revisiting Israelis as well as with overseas visitors.

In all, Tiberias offers over 2,000 tourist rooms.

The CP Tiberias Hotel on the last week-end of this month is introducing "swinging singles" entertainment which includes a tour to Mt. Hermon for winter sports, and an all-night party with dancing till the early hours to a full dance orchestra and a fine breakfast to finish off with.

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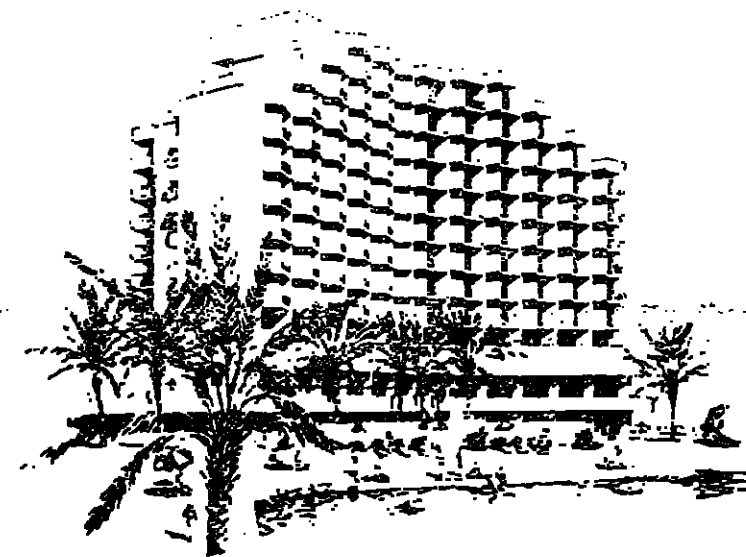
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MUSIC REVIEWS

SONG RECITAL. Spyros Sakkas, bass-baritone, Manos Hajidakis at the piano (Binyamin Ha'ozan, Jerusalem, January 13). Manos Hajidakis: Songs from 1946 to Today.

IF EVER a concert took place under unsuitable conditions, this was one of the most glaring examples. A recital of this kind needs a more intimate venue, a friendly stage (some flowers, at least), a programme with explanations or, as the lesser evil, an M.C. to introduce the artists and the meaning of the words. Above all, it needs an audience that knows what it is coming to.

Quite a few people came for some popular entertainment by Ari San or Theodorakis, and were certainly put out at seeing no drums or electric guitars on the stage. So many of them left in disappointment at what was in fact offered; and they left, of course, in the middle of the music, disrupting the enjoyment of those delighted with the playing of Hajidakis and the singing of Spyros Sakkas.

AND A MOST remarkable recital it was. In some 35 songs, a wide range of moods gave an impressive display of Hajidakis's compositional flexibility and inspiration. A classical approach — in the sense that harmonies, accompaniment and form were concerned only with the words, without any idea of making "an impression," avoiding cheap effects or concessions to entertainment. A deep involvement with folk music seemed to colour every phrase.

The individual musical language made it difficult to discern more than a very few similarities with the Mahler, Mussorgsky or the artist's style of the German school of the Twenties (Kurt Weill, Hanns Eisler). True, the almost exclusively sad and tense musical language tended to become a bit tedious in the end (which did not help to improve the tempo of part of the audience) but, for the connoisseur, this recital was a most gratifying and heart-warming experience.

The particular recitative style, arabesque frills, modal turns of the melodic line, all made us conscious of the common ground shared by Balkan and, in general, Eastern Mediterranean music with a strong oriental flavour. A close inner connection with the emerging Israeli folk-song (Admon-Gorochov, Amir, etc.) was easily identifiable.

Spyros Sakkas has just the right type of voice for Hajidakis, and his complete identification with Hajidakis's music made every song a precious gem. Manos Hajidakis is an accomplished pianist and produced colourful sonorities that sometimes sounded as if they were transposed orchestral instruments.

One would have wished that better arrangements for the recital and

more understanding of the songs had afforded singer and composer the appreciation they certainly deserve.

JERUSALEM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Igor Markevitch conducting an all-Bethoven programme: "Egmont" Overture; Symphony No. 5, in F Major, opus 65; Symphony No. 8, in C minor, opus 67 (Jerusalem Theatre — January 9).

IGOR MARKEVITCH is one of the very few contemporary conductors whose style reminds one of the generation that dominated the rostrum in Central Europe during the earlier part of the century — to mention only Otto Klemperer and Bruno Walter as examples. Forging calligraphic antics and "personal" interpretations for originality's sake, he gave a somewhat sober and detached rendition of the programme, at a much more leisurely pace than our over-tense, nervous generation has become accustomed to.

The "Egmont" Overture opened in the slowest tempo I have ever heard and the orchestra visibly and audibly chafed at the brakes put on by the conductor. But after one got used to Markevitch's approach, one could sit back and enjoy hearing phrases normally slurred over finely worked out and executed to their last note, with many quavers distinct for the first time. If the dramatic impact of Beethoven's music was underplayed, and the excitement was restrained, this seemed to suit the refined and perhaps over-controlled temperament of the conductor.

THE SAME attitude appeared paramount in the readings of the two symphonies, which revealed some extremely delicate moments, like the Trio of the Eighth Symphony's third movement. The second movement of the Fifth, on the other hand, was in danger of falling apart; and the surprisingly aggressive Trio put the celli, double basses, and violas on their toes, angering the conductor's demands with difficulty.

Freedom of tempo in interpretation is, of course, the privilege of the man on the rostrum, but too much freedom — particularly in relation to the otherwise so restrained approach — raised eyebrows more than once on this evening. Changing the main motif to nearly double slow time in bar 125-6 seemed entirely unjustified; nor was the adagio of the oboe cadenza (bar 288) convincing in its exaggerated slow motion.

In general, the slowing down before *fermatas* or at the end of movements is a debatable feature of Igor Markevitch's approach. But these reservations are not intended to detract in any way from his impressive display of musicianship and his mastery of the craft. The audience responded to the offerings with enthusiastic applause.

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region, in style, in mood and in rhythm. What made her such an exciting Spanish interpreter was her skills — command of hip and hand "conversation", foot and finger "vocabulary" — but most of all her unerring musical sense, her perfect rhythmic timing, her warm stage presence.

She generated fascination with every step sideways, every click of the castanets, every turn and twist of ankle. If the music was in wait time (Spanish style), her swinging romantic manner was paramount; if heavily accented, the heels snapped and throbbed, the arms took on more dramatic meaning, the swish of the skirts had an eloquence of its own.

This was high artistic pitch. Silvia Duran has never danced better.

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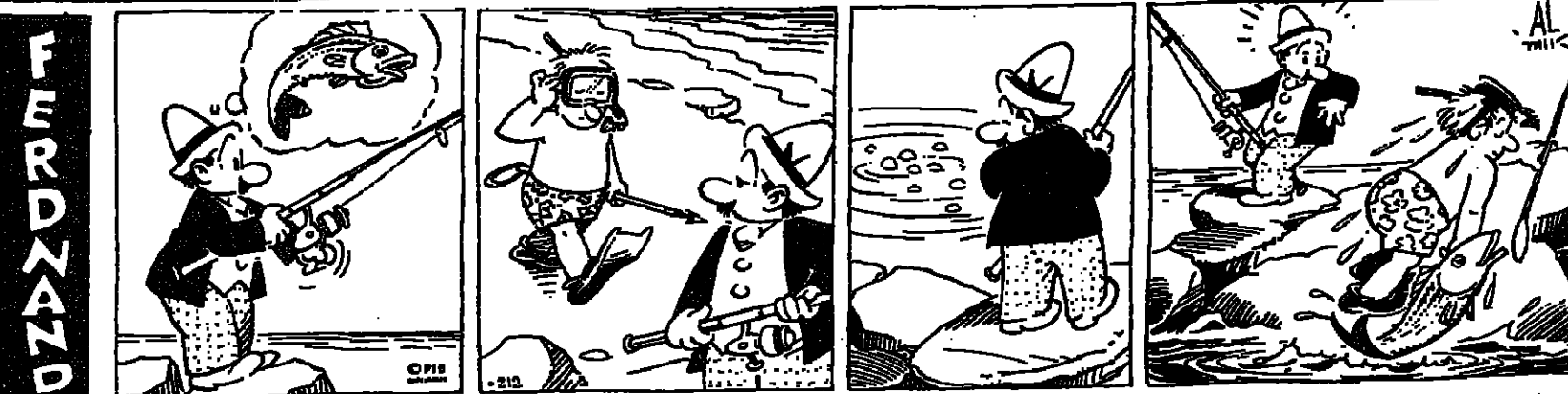
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7.10 (Stereo): Morning Concert — Dowland: Lachrymae; J.C. Bach: Motet; Verdi: String Quartet; Hovhannes: Mountains and Streams without Solo; Synphony No. 7; Morley: Allemande for Clavichord; Dowland: Song for Lute; Pearson: Allemande for Harpsichord
10.05 Radio story
10.15 Elementary school broadcasts
10.35 Lesson in spoken Arabic
11.30 Music from Japan
12.05 Michael Haran: cello; Arish Sacha: piano; David Chen, violin; Arish Vardi, piano — Marcello: Cello Sonata; Francaur: Cello Sonata; Beethoven: Trio, Op. 1, No. 3
13.00 (Stereo): Noon Concert — Berlin: Parts from Dommation of Faust; Chopin: Variations on a Theme from Don Giovanni; Delibes: The Spring, Ballet Suite
14.10 Children's programmes
15.25 World of Science
15.35 Notes on a new book
16.05 (Stereo): Beersheba Orchestra. Mendel Rodan conducting; with Nina Bietina, violin — works by Beethoven and Schubert (repeat of yesterday's concert)
17.20 Music Quiz
20.15 William Tell (part two)
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21.30 Speaker's Podium
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Second Programme

7.00 This Morning — news magazine
9.30 Good Morning — songs, chat
13.05 Midday — news commentary
14.10 Musical Adventures
15.05 Sabbath songs
16.10 Magazine on health and medicine
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18.05 Of Men and Figures — discussion on current economic affairs
18.45 Sports magazine
19.00 Today — people and events in the news
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7.07 "24/7" — Yael Estampé presents selections of music and films from the morning newspapers
8.05 IDF morning newscast
8.05 IDF Winter — 3 hours of music, skits, jokes and news flashes with EMI Yissel
12.45 Minutes — Political commentary
13.05 Today's favourite — songs with a special touch
14.05 Two Hours — music, art, cinema and theatre reviews, interviews and anecdotes
16.05 Songs of IDF Troupes
17.05 IDF Evening newscast
19.05 Needle in a Record Stack — new records and recordings
21.00 Mabab newscast
21.30 University on the Air (repeat)
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22.05 The 15 Listen — new records and recordings with Nathan Duvdevitch
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The housing timebomb

OF ALL the social problems that prolonged inflation has created, the housing shortage is rapidly becoming the most explosive. Perhaps in no other area of domestic policies have the misconceptions and the executive weaknesses of the present government been so starkly revealed as in the case of housing.

The main factors that have put even a modest flat out of reach even for those who are far from being candidates for welfare aid are well known. There is the jurisdictional muddle over state lands which makes it difficult, sometimes virtually impossible, and always expensive to provide land for housing. There is the bureaucratic maze of the local authorities which, in times of high inflation, delays construction for months thus driving up prices.

There is a backward construction technology, kept in being by reliance on unskilled Arab labour, which prolongs the period of construction. Then there is the lack of standardization which holds back the industrialization of building preventing the use of cost-cutting prefabricated components.

There is, further, and as a result of inflation itself, investment by the affluent in flats that remain unoccupied for long periods. Among the latter there is also a significant proportion of foreigners who — no doubt with the best of intentions — have bought themselves a flat in Israel as a second home, but who use that home only a few months a year and who have, by their purchases, contributed their own fillip to the skyrocketing prices of apartments.

Outgoing Housing and Construction Minister Gideon Patt has estimated the number of empty, but rentable flats, at 30,000. His offer, half a year ago, to grant income tax exemptions to those who would let their flats has been taken up by no more than 900. Politically, the government is sitting on a housing timebomb, when viewed from its own electoral considerations. Socially, however, the problem is of vital concern to the nation as a whole.

When a young working couple, who together earn 50 per cent more than the average salary, needs the gross income of about 8 years to buy a modest flat, even the largest mortgages now granted still leave an apartment out of reach for all except the most affluent. When new immigrants must spend up to 18 months in an absorption centre for lack of suitable housing, then the talk about attracting aliya becomes empty chatter.

Exceptional circumstances require unconventional solutions. With the military redeployment in the Negev expected as soon as peace is signed, the circumstances will become even more exceptional. Drastic action should have been taken long ago. It becomes more imperative by the day.

Meanwhile, the government, in the person of Mr. Patt, has been dragging its feet, apparently in the hope that if the problem is ignored long enough, it will go away. And when Mr. David Levy takes over from Mr. Patt this week, he will again need considerable time to study his new field of responsibility.

There is no quick magic solution. But interim measures could easily be taken to ease the pressure of the next year or two, until a significantly larger supply of flats can be brought on the market. All these possible interim measures, however, require decisions at the cabinet level that go beyond the powers of any minister of housing.

Much might be done, for example, to shorten the construction period. The licensing of new buildings, for example, might be taken out of the hands of the local authorities and their archaic procedures. Licensing might be made automatic, on confirmation by a responsible architect that the building is in accordance with the existing building codes. Jurisdiction over urban land might be taken out of the hands of the Land Administration, or perhaps out of the hands of the central government altogether, and given to the local authorities.

To make more flats available on the rental market, a stiff property surtax should be imposed on unoccupied flats. The same should be done with regard to empty, privately-owned building lots. Land, as a non-renewable resource, has always been subject to a treatment different from that applicable to other forms of property, in that ownership, or at least price, was made conditional on use.

Outgoing Housing Minister Patt argues that there are plenty of empty and reasonably priced flats available in development areas. He apparently overlooks that, with immigration reduced to a mere trickle, and industrial growth in the development towns not exactly booming, candidates for settlement there will necessarily be few. The bulk of the population resides in the centre of the country, and only a small minority has ever been able or willing to move. Most people need flats where they must reside for occupational, social or family reasons.

It may even soon become necessary to go back to an updated version of providing temporary housing, in addition to the recent, and laudable, effort to refurbish some 5,000 old, substandard and presently uninhabitable flats.

But whatever the solution for the near future, the government must muster whatever decision-making capability it has to tackle the problem.

POSTSCRIPTS

IT WAS AN ODD PLACE for a prayer service — out in the rocky wasteland of Shufat in northern Jerusalem. Jerusalem city manager Ronnie Feinstein and Yehuda Semberg, manager of the company that will put up a soccer stadium on the site, drove to the site on a recent afternoon. Accompanying them were Agudat Yisrael Rabbis Shmuel Shaulson and Menahem Porush — strong opponents of the stadium. The city officials unrolled maps and engineers' drawings, arguing that the stadium really wasn't "so close" to the religious neighbourhoods in northern Jerusalem and that traffic "wouldn't interfere" with their Shabbat rest.

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POWER BEHIND NRP THRONE

Post political correspondent MARK SEGAL interviews
DANNY VERMUS, who is giving the National Religious
Party much of its political clout.

NATIONAL Religious Party Secretary-General Danny Vermus is someone worth watching.

The 40-year-old party boss played a major role in laying down the NRP's highly pragmatic line leading to its switch from Labour to the Likud in the government coalition, while allowing it to combine with Labour in the recent municipal elections.

He is the sophisticated spokesman of a pivotal party that talks ideology but is very pragmatic about the present and the next world. He is a well-spoken representative of the ascendant sabra NRP leadership. His affability conceals a tough disposition and a canny political grasp.

Vermus is the behind-the-scenes power-broker of the trio that is taking over the religious Zionist movement. His comrades — Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer and NRP Knesset faction head Yehuda Ben-Meir — are the front-men, and together they are all doing nicely.

They have not as yet challenged the titular leadership of Interior Minister Yosef Burg. Given Burg's 70-plus age, Vermus and company can allow themselves to regard the Cabinet's wittiest (and longest-serving) minister with relaxed affection. Time, after all, is on their side.

Jerusalem-born Vermus comes from a movement family. His father is a Hapoel Hamizrachi veteran who came from Poland with the Third Aliya. Danny's friendship with the late Yehuda Ben-Meir, who was a Hapoel Hamizrachi leader, was formed in Bnei Akiva. Their relationship is one of close comradeship: their wives come from the same youth groups, they socialize frequently, and some of them are neighbours.

On completing his army service (he was injured in a parachute exercise), Vermus was called into the party organization by Hammer, and together they rose in the ranks. When Hammer became a minister, Vermus moved into an adjoining room as special assistant. He kept an eye on cultural affairs, information work and the Israel Broadcasting Authority. Clever enough not to antagonize the public, Vermus used the huge funds caused by the broadcast of "Hirbet Hizrah" to slip through new appointments to the IBA's public council, packing it with Likud and NRP sympathizers, without causing too many waves.

A HALF YEAR AGO, when Hammer's faction swept the party convention, Vermus shifted to the party's head offices in the old Castrol Hotel building from where he runs the party machine and its appointments.

He helped manage the NRP Knesset election campaign where they sold "the New NRP" image and increased their faction by two mandates. He was in charge of the local government election campaign and engineered the deal with Labour. It worked well and today the NRP holds ten mayoralty and local council chairmanships — double the previous total. What matters is that they have secured a sizeable town hall like Tiberias.

In addition he is working on his M.A. in political science at Bar-Ilan University, where he also completed his course in the Institute of Local Government. Recently his family moved to Ra'anana (they have four children, and his wife, Naomi, has just started running a youth welfare programme in Herzliya).

Only the photograph of the late revered Rabbi Kook adorns his fourth-floor office. Vermus is quite clear about not binding the NRP to either of the two main political blocs. "We have no thousand-year commitment to either the Likud or the Labour Alignment. We will make our choice when we have to," he says bluntly.

The NRP secretary-general sees his party well-placed in the wave of the future, retaining its pivotal position between the national-liberal bloc and the labour movement. He predicts a broadening of the NRP electoral base, because it responded to the yearning for traditional values among some of the non-religious majority.

"Israel society is in crisis, so people seek their roots and look to us," Vermus declares optimistically. As a concrete illustration, he notes that NRP candidates won the mayoralty of Tiberias and the chairmanship of the Pardess Hanna local council, though both places are predominantly non-religious and despite a propaganda campaign threatening another Bnei Brak should the religious candidates win.

Vermus also holds that the return to tradition was a function of rising anxiety among segments of the public over the likely impact of peace. People fear, he argues, that Israel might be submerged in a flood of Arab culture once the gates to Egypt are open. That was why the NRP was so adamant in fighting any deviation from the religious status quo. He cares not what people do behind closed doors, he says. What matters is what happens in public.

Not forgetting that, the NRP stole a march on Agudat Israel, its municipal coalition partner, by causing a crisis over the proposed opening of the Cameri Theatre on Friday night. Did the NRP then, I wondered, intend stopping football matches on Saturday or closing down weekend TV broadcasts?

Ever the pragmatic politician, Vermus concedes: "I don't know what the public won't take." Why, I wondered, was a strip-tease in Jaffa permissible but good theatre in Tel Aviv not? "The former is a private business, the latter is publicly-owned and financed. Anyway, it would have been the thin edge of the wedge, leading the way to public bus transport on Shabbat and setting an example to other places like Ramat Gan, Holon and Beersheba," was the reply.

NO, THEY had not become captives of Agudat Israel fundamentalism. Their agreement for local government coalitions had served them well, but it did not commit them for the next general elections. A most image-conscious party manager, Vermus reacted indignantly at mention of the NRP submission to Aguda demands not to allow women to appear on their joint lists. When I quoted the angry reaction of the NRP Women's Organization and its protesting resolutions, Vermus blandly replied: "No document exists bearing our signature wherein we committed ourselves to exclude women candidates."

The NRP was divided in particular from Aguda on the issue of girls' national service. The Bnei Akiva graduate is upset over Aguda insinuations regarding girls in uniform: "Why, even Chief Rabbi Goren's daughter was an army officer," he protests.

His party had resolved the dilemma by forming the "Society for Volunteer Work," which provides a national service framework for girls released from the army on religious grounds. At present, 1,000 religious girls belong to the society, and have volunteered to work in hospitals, schools, immigrant absorption and social welfare in 41 towns. The party's vote against the national service bill of Chaim Grossman (Mapam-Alignment) was explained as acting against an opposition gimmick.

As a first-class expounder of the NRP's best-of-both-worlds philosophy, Vermus wishes to go further by abolishing existing legislation concerning compulsory military service for girls. He would like to replace it with a voluntary framework, both for girls wishing to serve in the army and in a civilian service framework, to be run by a State authority. Whether this would amount to another giant, step backward from equality of the sexes does not enter into his calculations.

PONDERING the shifting nature of the new NRP's alliances, I wondered which was the operative word: National or Religious? Vermus says "they are inseparable," proceeding to confess that "our trouble is that the government lacks an opposition. The Rabin government at least had a real opposition led by Begin, which threatened to launch pogroms if too many concessions were made. Today, Labour wants even more concessions than the government makes. The NRP remains the only opposition force, though in coalition, curbing the rush to give in on essential matters."

The NRP has an ambivalent attitude towards the peace talks, and it would seem ready to do without an agreement, if it involves giving up the West Bank. The New NRP tags on talks of strategic depth to religious claims, explaining its position.

Their talk of peace is always tagged with a conditional "but." As Vermus explains it: "Peace, of course,

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is the supreme value and we should do nothing that might cause us to miss peace, but (a slight hesitancy here) we should do nothing to lose our strategic depth. In Judea and Samaria, unlike Sinai, we lack sufficient room for manoeuvre. Apart from our moral and religious commitments, we have to consider the strategic aspects."

It is quite clear from Vermus's words that the NRP would bring the Begin government down if any real concessions were forthcoming on the West Bank. His euphemistic phraseology goes like this: "Should the government decide to stop new settlements or not to enlarge existing ones, we would consider it our role to lead to a PLO state, he says, and mentions his party's readiness for a confrontation on this matter with Washington. "Anyhow," he adds, "who can rely on U.S. guarantees after Taiwan, Vietnam and Iran?"

The NRP chief is also persuaded that the extra votes they got in 1977 amounted to a mandate for a more hawkish line. His party, and especially Hammer, had fully justified this confidence, he says, pointing out that Hammer's key role in the Cabinet decision to expand West Bank settlements.

VERMUS lost his cool when I suggested that the government had capitulated last week to Gush Emunim tactics.

"Not at all," he retorts. "If the government had indeed decided to remove the roadblocks and let them set up house straight away, that could have been regarded as capitulation. Like that they gave in to the government. He praised Hammer's role ("a very fair solution") in bending the government to the Gush Emunim design, and firmly rejected the notion that the Gush Emunim-tail was wagging the government-dog.

I quoted Likud Knesset faction head Avraham Sharir on Gush Emunim settlements ("so many ghost villages"), at which Vermus proceeded to blame the govern-

ment for not having given sufficient priority to West Bank settlement. He thinks the state should take matters out of private hands, even if they belong to Gush Emunim. He defends its members from charges that they live in government housing while renting out their own homes.

Where would the money come from for Gush Emunim advancement — welfare, education? housing? security? Vermus is studiously vague, speaking of the Cabinet deciding on which areas to trim.

THE PARTY chief speaks of the NRP internal factions disappearing and of its advent in the Histadrut. He presents the Hapoel Hamizrachi trade union's 135,000 members, affiliated to the Histadrut trade union department, thus belonging to Kupat Holim.

General membership would only give the NRP access to the Histadrut political funds and to the party spoils system, but enhance its power-base. It would also mean the evaporation of Laminah, NRP faction, which leans heavily on the Hapoel Hamizrachi machine. Vermus does not spell it out, but plans, if they do materialize, would mean his group's total take-over of the party.

Vermus has a trump card in his pack. His party division for religious supporters is gaining momentum, he says. It came into being because the NRP constitution forbids admittance to the movement. It also came into being because Vermus's contact with Uri Onn, Ramat Hasharon resident, though non-religious, came to the party in the 1977 election. Onn has been joined by such prominent men as the rector of Haifa University, Prof. Ozer Shild, and Ben-Meir, a Migdal-Bizhan factory executive.

The NRP Secretary-General is rather disingenuous when saying he is not interested whether any scheme will increase our election appeal, what matters to me is to avoid a kulurkamp and to reduce the tension in our society. □

READERS' LETTERS

HISTORY FOOTNOTES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The publication of so far secret documents recently revealed that the Royal Navy — in contrast to the well-known attitude of the Mandatory Government — assisted "illegal" immigrant ships on the high seas on their way to Palestine.

This is not news to me. In February 1939, I arrived at the shores of Herzliya in one of the first "illegal" ships, the "Artemisia". Together with 16 other activists I was assigned to offload about 700 immigrants during the night. We managed to do the job, but in the end, our group of 17 was caught by a British naval patrol.

In 1945, when World War II was about to be won (I was then an officer of HM Forces), a high-ranking British intelligence officer who, in 1939, was attached to the mandatory authorities, told me the following story:

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In "U.S. News and World Report" of December 4, there is a report that Finland has also worked out a deal between government, labour and management which has increased productivity, trendsetter and averted a trade deficit into a trade surplus.

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CONDITIONS IN PEDIATRIC DEPARTMENTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your report of December 29 concerning the harrowing conditions in a children's department in Jerusalem can be descriptive of many, if not most children's departments in Israeli hospitals. Israel was renowned 30 years ago for the care and treatment of its children, a fact that was quoted extensively in world literature. Today, the picture has changed drastically, and whilst remarkable positive efforts and programmes are being developed for the health of the aged and the mentally ill, few equivalent programmes are being pursued for our children. Children's beds in hospitals are being curtailed and children's admission rooms and clinics are often horribly overcrowded and not planned to serve the pediatric population.

The days of the neat, clean and tidy children's wards are past. Instead we have the departments converted into "hostels", with dozens of visitors (parents, grandparents, neighbours, etc.) milling around 24 hours a day. Some bring food and picnic in the rooms of the patients and others rely on the patients' food which they take directly from the food trolleys. Some take empty beds to sleep in at night, whilst others drag in mattresses or blankets and sleep under the beds. They use hospital linen and utensils, leading to grave shortages for the patients. Cigarette stubs are scattered everywhere including around oxygen tents with "no smoking" signs. When reprimanded for an infringement, some visitors act antagonistically even to the extent of threatening physical injury, as if it is their right to take over the ward.

Least there be any misunderstanding from this generalisation, there are many parents who are understanding and go out of their way to help the nurses in their herculean jobs — tidying and cleaning up, feeding and washing their children, and most important, realizing the importance of not disturbing the doctors and staff during doctors' rounds. It is a pleasure to be of service to them. When told that 24-hour "guard duty" at the bedside is not necessary, and possibly harmful, they gladly accept the rules of the hospital. However, due to the attitudes of

the "non-understanding" parents, a vicious circle has developed. Nurses refuse to work under these conditions. And so they drop out of nursing. The administration then has to rely more and more on untrained parents doing the nursing work, feeding, washing, giving medicines, etc., and the circle is completed. Many things can go wrong, and do go wrong under these conditions, and the visitors are there to see and spread the news with the usual amount of exaggeration.

There are solutions to these problems:

1. Make allowance in the planning of children's wards for parents and visitors. Incorporate parents' lounges and kitchens, with fold-away beds for the few seriously ill patients whose parents have permission to stay all the time. There should be smaller rooms (four beds maximum) with several single-bed rooms. Telephones and a buffet should be available for the visitors, so that they do not need to share the patients' food.

2. Education of the visitors (and

staff) as to the rights and obligations of visitors in a children's ward. There must be on a continuing basis must be given by specialists in the field.

3. Six to eight hours of visiting each day (from after doctors' morning rounds till lights-out in the evening) with one to two visitors per patient and 24 hour visiting of parent for seriously ill patients.

4. Employment of more nurses in order to relieve the burden of her "hotel duties". Ward secretaries in order to take the nurse of the myriad routine administrative duties which take away from her nursing duties.

Under these circumstances, believe me nurses will agree to work in children's departments once again these departments will be pleasant for patients, parents and staff, without the animosity and antagonisms between staff and visitors which are so commonly seen today. And if changes are not made today, chaos is likely to result.

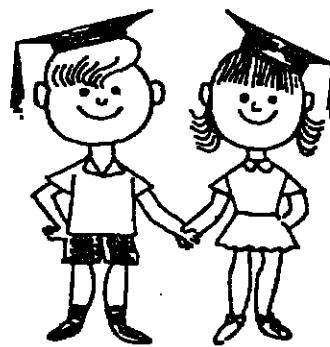
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